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BY BRUCE CAMPBELL

WOLLONGONG Wolves go into Sunday's National Soccer League Grand Final in the certain knowledge that it is the end of an era for the plucky south coast club.

As exclusively announced in *SuperSoccer* two weeks ago Scott Chipperfield has already signed a contract which is worth a total of $400, 000 a year.

He will soon become the highest paid player in NSL history when he jets out to Perth Glory.

That is Chipperfield's guarantee should he fail to land a contract with an overseas club and fitting reward after he first burst into prominence two seasons ago.

But last week Illawarra icon Matt Horsley announced that he will also leave the club—with Perth Glory and Northern Spirit heading the queue to sign the Wolves inspirational captain.

Spirit have launched an amazing campaign to land up to eight Wollongong players and since the group became open to offers last December they have been inundated with calls.

"Spirit have approached virtually every player who is off contract at the club," one first team player told us. They have made big offers to a lot of players including Matty."

But Perth Glory have made an offer which would treble the salary Horsley currently earns and that, plus a hefty sign-on fee, could well be the offer which tips the scales.

Even little Canberra Cosmos have entered the market, nipping at Wollongong fringe players and in particular Berem Sullivan.

The defensive pair of David Cervinski and Robbie Stanton are almost certain to leave the Wolves with Sydney clubs lining up for the experienced pair.

"The club haven't spoken to me yet," said David Cervinski when we spoke to him last week. I have been told that they will discuss my contract after the Grand Final."

But that could be a week too late with Cervinski already fielding big money offers from Gombak United in Singapore, Parramatta Power, Northern Spirit and Sydney Olympic.

Olympic are favoured to land the tough-guy defender who will create history this weekend by making his sixth Grand Final appearance.

"They have spoken to me a few times," confirmed Cervinski, "and it would be good to play under Branko Culina again."

Meanwhile Branko Culina's prediction is fast coming true.

The Sydney Olympic coach has forecast that Wollongong would suffer the fate of every other club which has hit the top—that it is harder to hold onto players when the other clubs look for a share of that success.

For Wollongong it is the end of an era, although the players are determined to make it a glorious exit on Sunday.

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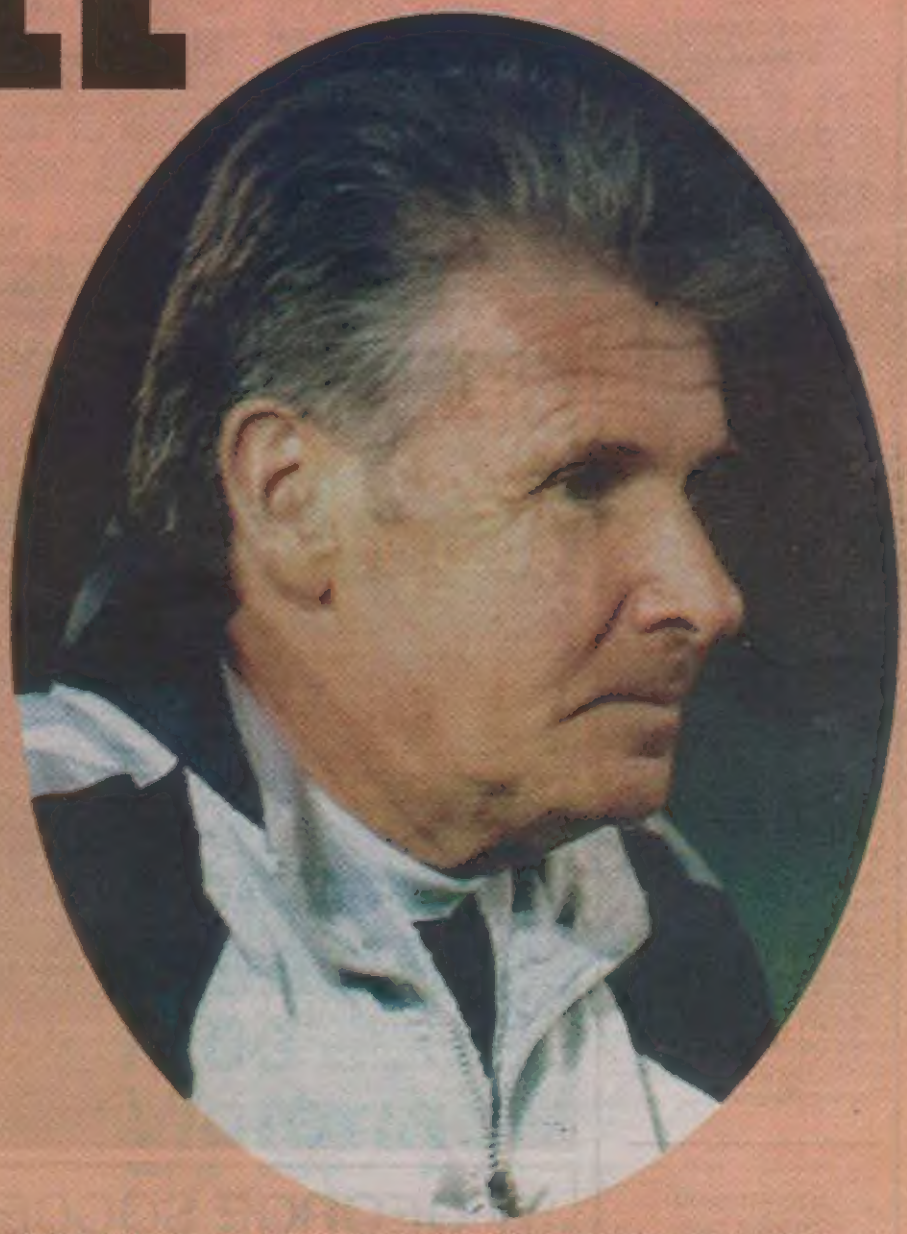

RON CORRY: the Wolves coach faces losing virtually his entire starting eleven after Sunday.

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Johansson gives FIFA president ultimatum

By Mike Collett

UEFA president Lennart Johansson has called on FIFA chief Sepp Blatter to explain the collapse of FIFA's marketing agent ISL and the cancellation of the World Club championship or face the consequences, which could lead to his removal as president of the game's ruling body.

After a much-longer than expected UEFA Executive Committee meeting on Thursday, Johansson said his executive wanted Blatter to provide a full explanation on all issues relating to the bankruptcy of ISL.

He called for an extraordinary meeting of the FIFA Executive Committee to be held as a matter of urgency.

UEFA also want Blatter to explain the cancellation of the World Club Championship in Spain in July and August, the financing of the Confederations Cup which starts this week in Japan and South Korea, and the role played by Blatter and the FIFA administration in these matters.

Johansson said Blatter would either have to resign or face a vote of no-confidence if he did not meet UEFA's demands.

Johansson, beaten by Blatter in a vote for the FIFA presidency in 1998, said: "Those would be the two alternatives, if that happens, it is the end of the story."

But Johansson stopped short of saying he would instigate a vote of no-confidence in Blatter at FIFA's Extraordinary Congress in Buenos Aires on July 7.

"That is not a fair question, we must give him the chance to explain fully what has happened," he said.

"But we do want an answer from him very quickly on these counts."

ISL, FIFA's marketing partner for more than 20 years, was declared bankrupt by a Swiss court last week with estimated debts of around one billion Swiss francs ($500 US million).

Johansson added: "We are astonished about what we are reading in the newspapers and it seems the situation is changing almost daily."

UEFA's chief executive Gerhard Aigner added: "As a result of the ISL collapse we have not received 22.5 million Swiss francs ($12.67 million) owed to us as part of a profit-sharing deal after last year's European Championships.

"It was a big surprise to us when we learnt what the bankruptcy situation was with ISL, and had hoped that someone would come in and take-over the company.

"That is now unlikely to happen and we have to decide whether to go to court or not to protect our interests.

"That money was ours and we believe now it was used for other purposes."

Johansson stressed it was now up to Blatter to explain the situation "openly and transparently.

"I am sure he will do this. I would be very surprised if Sepp Blatter denies us the meeting we are calling for to clarify this situation -- for his own good and the good of football."

Johansson was with Blatter in Cardiff at the weekend for the celebrations to mark the 125th Anniversary of the Welsh Football Association.

But Blatter did not come to last Wednesday's European Cup final between Bayern Munich and Valencia.

The FIFA president is always one of UEFA's VIP guests at these showcase occasions, but although they travelled on the same plane back from Cardiff to Zurich, Blatter stayed in Switzerland to deal with the crisis, while Johansson continued his journey to Milan.

As well as discussing the collapse of ISL, there are other real concerns for FIFA.

Traffic, the Brazilian marketing agency responsible for the cancelled World Club Championship, also hold the franchise to the eight-nation Confederations Cup, which includes world champions France and Brazil and is being used as a dry run for next year's World Cup finals in Japan and South Korea.

According to senior sources, Traffic have been unable to raise the expected cash from the sale of TV rights or find a main sponsor for the event which will now cost FIFA several million dollars to underwrite.

"As far as we know, the Confederations Cup is going ahead," said Johansson, "but in the present situation things are changing very quickly.

"I do not think there is any risk to the running of the 2002 World Cup finals, but the situation needs to be closely monitored."

SEPP BLATTER: the soccer world is in turmoil with hints and allegations of financial impropriety which could bring an end to his turbulent reign

FIFA boss Blatter says he will not step down over ISL

FIFA president Sepp Blatter said on Friday he would not step down following the collapse of marketing agent ISL and refused to call an extraordinary meeting of FIFA's executive committee.

UEFA president Lennart Johansson demanded on Thursday that Blatter call the extraordinary meeting to explain the impact of ISL's bankruptcy on soccer's ruling body, saying it would be "for his (Blatter's) own good and the good of football".

FIFA was checking whether 75 million Swiss francs ($42.18 million) paid to ISL by Brazilian broadcaster O Globo had been improperly diverted, Blatter told a news conference.

Following a meeting of FIFA's finance meeting, he said FIFA's marketing problems would have no effect on the 2002 World Cup in Japan and South Korea.

German media giant Kirch would almost certainly pick up the television rights for the 2002 World Cup formerly held by ISL, he said.

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Brown looks to win against Vics

By Bruce Campbell

THE first game between NSW and Victoria for two decades is more important than just the score-line—but don't tell that to the players.

The future of interstate matches might well hinge on the response to Saturday's thriller at Melbourne's Epping Stadium but for SoccerBlues coach Brian Brown it is about winning matches.

"We will be going down there pumped up to win," he said this week as the side went through its paces at Parklea.

"The players are really looking forward to this match and for me it is a good opportunity to catch up with a lot of old friends—after we win."

NSWSF officials hope that the game, and the next one two weeks later against Queensland at Blacktown, will be the forerunner of a regular series of interstate rematches.

The NSW-Victoria clash was first started in 1883 (see page 9 for a complete record) but has never been played on a regular basis.

NSWSF president Peter Gray is hoping that regular winter carnivals will be the result and officials from other states are keen to see the outcome of the present series of matches.

Admission at Epping Stadium is free as the Victorian Soccer Federation go all out to ensure a good crowd.

Meanwhile Brown faces a few selection posers centred around those players currently on-loan with Fairfield Bulls.

The Bulls have a match scheduled for Saturday and are reluctant to release their stars.

However, negotiations between the NSWS and Fairfield are continuing.

"I am confident that we will have a full squad available," says Brown.

"I can understand Fairfield's views but my prime concern is winning this match.

"We have got to put some pride back into wearing a state shirt and it has to be a bit more than an inconvenience."

Brown will train his squad twice this week at Parklea and will see the addition of Gold Medal winner Steve Lazzari who has been training in Canberra on his own.

"Steve is a top player," adds Brown.

"He knows what has to be done and I expect him to prove a handful for Victoria."

Van Blerk free

AUSSIE defender Jason Van Blerk has been freed by English club West Bromwich Albion.

Van Blerk, whose father also played for Australia, is an integral part of Frank Farina's World Cup plans but would struggle to secure his spot if he were not playing regular football.

INTEREST HOTS UP

Interstate clubs queue to join as summer Premier League looks to expand

By Bruce Campbell

WITH expressions of interest for next season's NSW Premier League closing this week there has been unprecedented demand for places in the summer competition.

That interest is not restricted to NSW either as the success of the competition has spread throughout the Australian football world. It is believed that clubs from Queensland, South Australia, Victoria and ACT have enquired about lodging an application.

"The board have decided that the competition will be expanded after our successful first season," says NSWSF president Peter Gray.

"There will be at least 12 clubs playing but depending on how good the final applications are there could be 14.

"I know that Bankstown Lions are considering moving up and we have to make sure that our own clubs are looked after first."

Other NSW Super League clubs which have shown an interest in changing to summer include Fairfield Bulls and Manly Warringah.

All three clubs are amongst the paces-setters in this year's Super League competition.

But maybe the biggest interest will centre around those non-state clubs who have expressed an interest in joining.

They include Brisbane Lions and Canberra Deakin plus an un-named senior Victorian club.

Canberra Deakin, formerly Canberra Metros, have not played in a NSW competition for a number of years since their sponsorship was withdrawn in controversial circumstances by the ACTSF.

Despite that, Canberra have produced a galaxy of players for the NSL in recent years including Ivan Zelic, Peter Buljan, Michael Musitano, Tony Giannasca, Andy Ravanello, PJ Roberts and, of course, Socceroo Ned Zelic.

"There will also be relegation from the Premier League at the end of this next season," added Peter Gray.

"That will create some movement within our own competitions which is really vital to the game.

"We need to make sure every club has a chance to play at the highest level."

The major shock, however, is the interest shown by South Coast Eagles, the club which was at the spearhead of the proposed breakaway national league.

It could well be that the massive interest will lead to an increase in both the Premier League and the Super League.

Favourites to be included in next season's Premier League include Bankstown and Fairfield Bulls and the possibility of a 16-team competition, with the inclusion of two teams from interstate is also sure to be a hot potato when it gets to boardroom discussion stage.

With the vacancies caused by the almost certain promotion by teams form the Super League it would seem likely that Canberra Deakin will be offered a place in next season's Super League—if they don't jump automatically into the Premier League.

Meanwhile interest on the South Coast has waned and it looks unlikely that either of the two Wollongong-based clubs, Balgownie or Port Kembla, will make a serious bid.

Gulesserian stakes his claim for a Marconi shirt

By Adam Leto

FOLLOWING their outstanding performance this season, which culminated in Saturday's NYL Grand Final the Marconi youth grade team must surely have some of their players pushing for selection in next year's first grade squad.

Former Newcastle coach Lee Sterrey is tipped to take over at the Stallions, and is a known promoter of younger players.

Current coach of the Marconi youth squad, John Alvarez, is confident that some of the younger players are capable of taking the next step.

"Players such as Kevo Gulesserian, who has played for the Australian Under 20s, and is the competition's leading scorer need to be looked at," Alvarez said.

"I think some of these boys who are off contract have already been approached by other clubs.

"I think these players should be given an opportunity.

"Whoever takes over as coach next season, should definitely take a look at the youth players we have."

Despite missing a number of games through representative commitments with the Australian Under 20s team, Kevo Gulesserian was the competition's leading scorer.

"It was very disappointing not getting a run with the first team," Gulesserian says.

"I thought that after being chosen for the Under 20s National team and being a regular scorer, I'd be a definite.

"It was probably the most upsetting thing for me this season.

"My main goal now is to make the Under 20s world cup squad.

"If I get that opportunity then after that I will make a decision where I will play."

Gulesserian is one of the number of Marconi youth players coming off contract.

Rival clubs Parramatta Power and Northern Spirit are already looking at securing some of Marconi's young talent.

Marco Maisano, who started the year with the Marconi youth squad, has just recently signed a three year deal with English first division team Portsmouth.

"There needs to be an improvement in the way younger players are treated at Marconi," Maisano said.

"Marconi have always been the AC Milan of Australia.

"If they ever wanted a player they just went out and bought one."

With the financial difficulties faced by the club, the big spending days could well be over and next season we could see a host of fresh young faces.

FROM OUR ARCHIVES ...

DAVID MITCHELL was signed from the local state league by then Adelaide City coach Rale Rasic in 1979. In 1982 Mitchell transferred to Sydney City and later began a long and successful career in Europe with sides like Glasgow Rangers, Eintracht, Feyenoord and Chelsea.

IN 1996 the David Hill led Soccer Australia kicked out Tony Labbozzetta, decreeing that he would not be recognised as a representative of Marconi or any NSL forum. They also barred him from any meetings. The draconian measures were later withdrawn and started the downfall of Hill as SA chairman.

Socceroos on the move

TWO Socceroos are currently on the move from their European clubs.

Glasgow Rangers chairman David Murray is set to dump Tony Vidmar as the club prepares to sweep through its playing staff following a disappointing season by its own high standards.

Vidmar has looked for a move to England but there has been lukewarm interest in the Australian defender.

"I have a year left of my contract and I want to stay," Vidmar told a Scottish news source.

"Nobody has told me I'm surplus to requirements and I've been told to report back for pre-season training."

And livewire striker Joe Spiteri is back in Australia after being cut from his Belgian club, Lierse.

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Francis must take Birmingham back to Premier League

BIRMINGHAM City have told Trevor Francis he must steer the club to promotion next season despite refusing to offer the manager an extended contract this week.

Birmingham were beaten on penalties by Preston North End in the first division play-off semi finals last week and lost to Liverpool in the League Cup final.

Francis, who has been manager at St Andrews since May 1996, was not offered an extension to the contract he signed two years ago which expires next year after a meeting between chairman David Gold and director David Sullivan.

"We put down our aspirations at the meeting, which were basically the same again," Sullivan said.

"We expect the play-offs with automatic promotion as a bonus.

"We agreed we would no longer get sucked into talking about the amount of money that Trevor would have and which players he is looking at.

It's going to be our secret element.

"We would be stronger than we have been for years even if we do nothing in the transfer market, but that is not our intention. We will remain tight-lipped and may yet surprise one or two people."

Knights and Bobby hit in the pocket

The Melbourne Knights Soccer Club has been fined $30,000 and placed on a $50,000 good behaviour bond by a Soccer Australia disciplinary tribunal over crowd violence at their national soccer league semi-final a fortnight ago.

And the club will not be able to play home matches at Knights Stadium next season unless it upgrades the complex to ensure the safety of players and officials.

In a Tuesday night hearing which took nearly three and a half hours the Knights pleaded guilty to a charge of bringing the game into disrepute.

Six other charges against them were withdrawn.

Knights president Harry Maracas said the club was considering appealing the severity of the penalty.

Mrksa said the club was "not happy" with what it considered a very severe penalty.

The tribunal also ordered the Knights play their next NSL game against the Perth Glory away from their Somers Street headquarters where Perth players and officials were attacked by Knights supporters a fortnight ago.

The club will have to play that game at a venue approved by Soccer Australia outside the Melbourne metropolitan area.

Perth Glory forward Slobodan (Bobby) Despotovski was fined $2,000 for his part in the incident and also placed on a six match good behaviour bond.

Brown throws his hat in the NSL ring

By Bruce Campbell

ON THE verge of the resumption of one of Australia's oldest sporting battles, the NSW v Victoria football clash, SoccerBlues coach, and current NSW Coach of the Year, Brian Brown has joined the list of aspiring coaches for the vacancy created by the sacking of Marconi's Eddie Krncevic.

While the articulate Brown is known for the forthrightness of his opinion he has been quiet up to now when it comes to big time jobs at other clubs.

"I believe that if someone wants you for a job then they will come and ask you," says the former NSL and Scottish league star. .

"But that doesn't seem to be the Australian way and I have just accepted that in this country you have to go asking.

"So I have prepared my resume and intend to apply for any job which I think I am capable of doing.

"I do not feel inferior in any way to some of the current NSL coaches and hope that my record at Blacktown City speaks for itself."

Since taking over from fellow Scot Alex Robertson the man they call Bomber has taken his club to three successive Grand Finals and along the way established a new NSW record for undefeated league matches.

The club has been inundated with interest but former club youth coach Lee Sterrey has emerged as the clear favourite.

Marconi are expected to announce Sterrey in the post within days—once they settle terms with axed coach Eddie Krncevic.

News leaking from Marconi indicates that Sterrey has already been appointed to a consultancy role with the fallen giant.

However, Krncevic is threatening Marconi with legal action and the separation could turn into a bloody battle.

Former Socceroo boss Raul Blanco was also in the running, although he is still favoured to land the Auckland Kingz job.

It appears that Marconi will sign a three year deal with Sterrey once the Krncevic situation is cleared.

Sterrey is said to have asked for a cascading deal which would have risen to $85,000 in the third year of the contract but the Marconi board have offered a flat deal at $65,000 per year.

"I don't like to be seen to be asking for a job if the current coach is still there," adds Brown of his own ambitions.

"But it seems clear that Eddie will be on his way.

"I have had talks with a board member and believe that I am acting properly."

It is believed that Brown has the blessing of Blacktown City in his quest for an NSL position.

Brown has recently been invited to return to Falkirk, his former Scottish club as it prepares to celebrate its 100th anniversary.

Brown was a permanent fixture in the side during its spell in the Fist Division in the 1970s and '80s before coming to Australia where he played with the Brunswick Juventus side which won the 1986 Australian Championship.

Falkirk have contacted a number of their former top players and Brian Brown, with 260 first team appearances, is one of the stars of the past who are top of the invite list.

FROM OUR ARCHIVES ...

THE record for appearances in NSW Grand Finals pre-NSL was nine—held by 'Gentleman' John Watkiss who lined up in the 1958, 1960, 1961 (Canterbury), 1964, 1965, 1966, 1967 (APIA), 1968 and 1974 (Hakoah) finals. Watkiss started his first grade career at 16 with the famous 'Canterbury Kids' under Joe Vlasits.

RON LORD, the doyen of Australian goalkeepers, played 399 first grade matches with three different clubs—Drummoyne, Auburn and Prague.

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Farina's preparations not ideal but Cup experience vital for Aussie World Cup hopes

FRANK Farina's Comfederations Cup preparations began in bits and poieces as players arrived from all over the world.

The first to jet into Korea was the Australia-based contingent along with English-based Kevin Muscat.

And the Socceroo squad numbers were bolstered on the training field at the weekend with the arrival of five squad members, boosting the number in camp to 17, as the team prepares for its first game of the 2001 Confederations Cup against Mexico on Wednesday, in Korea.

Clayton Zane, Tony Vidmar, Craig Moore, Frank Juric and captain Paul Okon joined their team-mates on the Champions Field for the afternoon training session, as did Hayden Foxe, who missed the previous session as a result of the flu, with another three players - Stan Lazaridis, Josip Skoko and Marco Bresciano flying in as *SuperSoccer* went to press.

Also attending the afternoon session was Liverpool Manager Gerard Houllier, who is working with FIFA in the Technical Department for the Confederations Cup.

Houllier, who with Liverpool won three Cup Titles this season - the League (Worthington) Cup, the FA Cup, and the UEFA Cup - met with Socceroo coach Frank Farina for a technical meeting prior to the training session, and then went on to observe the session.

Farina clearly wasn't too happy about the piecemeal arrival of his squad.

"It's not ideal is it," said Farina.

"When you get players in one or two days before a game, it makes it tough.

"I think it highlights again what the difficulties are as the Australian national team.

"I think you'll see all the other teams will arrive together.

"Unfortunately we haven't the privilege of being able to do that, and unfortunately it reinforces what I've said all along, that we have a very unique problem in Australia.

"We're looking now, over a period of four days, flying our players in from virtually all parts of the world.

"It's a difficult process, but when you don't have any choice in the matter, there's no point carrying on about it.

"Hopefully when people come in, they're ready and able to play."

Captain Paul Okon also gave his opinion about just how well the other countries prepare these days for matches against Australia.

"I think these days at international level, there are no easy games, so I don't think France will underestimate us," he said.

"I don't think any other team will underestimate us - we've seen in the past when teams have done that against Australia, we've come up and beaten them.

"So it's fantastic that we have the opportunity to play against these teams, and it will be a good test.

"It does feel like the World Cup is getting closer, and playing in this tournament is going to be fantastic for us, whether or not we make the semi finals.

"We have three certain games against Mexico, France and Korea that can only help us, because at the end of the day the ambition, the goal, is to qualify for the World Cup in November.

"So I guess these are just little steps on the way to achieving that."

South Korea kick off their Confederations Cup campaign against France in the tournament which has been billed as a warm-up for the 2002 World Cup finals.

The May 30-June 10 FIFA event, co-hosted by Korea and Japan, also includes Brazil, Cameroon, Canada and defending champions Mexico plus the world and European champions.

Three of the 10 World Cup stadia in each country will be used with the opening match between France and Korea in Taegu.

Teams planning for next year's World Cup finals are already combing sites in Korea and Japan for the best training and hotel facilities.

The Confederations Cup will also give them their first glimpse of the new pitches under game conditions.

The teams are divided into two groups with the winners playing the runners-up of the other group for a place in the final in Yokohama on June 10.

Yokohama will also stage the Word Cup final next year.

Most of the Korea squad play in the domestic league or Japan's J-League, with just three players from European clubs.

Forward Seol Ki-hyun plays for Belgium's Royal Antwerp, while defenders Kang Chul and Choi Sung-yong are with Austria's Lask Linz.

But Dutch coach Guus Hiddink has left out Lee Dong-gook of German first division club Werder Bremen and midfielder Ahn Jung-hwan, the first Korean to crack Italy's Serie A.

FRANK FARINA:
Facing his first real test on the Road to Tokyo

LEFT:
Socceroo hopeful Scott Chipperfield who is likely to be on an early plane to take part in Sunday's NSL Grand Final

Ahn scored to help Perugia beat Bari late last month but has struggled to make an impact at the club.

Hiddink, former boss at Real Madrid and coach of the Netherlands at the 1998 World Cup in France, left Ahn out of the squad for a four-nation tournament in Egypt last month.

Seven of those called up are from Japan's J-League including veteran defender Hong Myung-bo who plays for Kashiwa Reysol and will captain the national side at next year's World Cup finals.

Korea's recent form has been patchy with Hiddink blaming nerves for some below-par performances in January's Carlsberg Cup when South Korea finished third out of four teams.

Rivals on and off the pitch, South Korea were above Japan in the latest FIFA world rankings in 39th place versus 44th.

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South Korea Confederations Cup squad

Goalkeepers: Lee Woon-jae (Sangmu), Kim Yong-dae (Yonsei University), Choi Eun-sung (Daejon Citizen) Defenders - Kim Tae-young (Jeonnam Dragons), Lee Min-sung Sangmu), Kang Chul (Lask Linz),.Seo Douk-gyu (Ulsan Hyundai Horangi), Song Jong-gook (Busan I.cons), Choi Sung-yong (Lask Linz), Hong Myung-bo (Kashiwa Reysol), Lee Lim-saeng (Bucheon SK)

Midfielders: Lee Young-pyo (Anyang LG Cheetahs), Park Ji-sung (Kyoto Purple Sanga), Yoon Jung-hwan (Cerezo Osaka), Seo Dong-won (Suwon Samsung Bluewings), Yoo Sang-chul (Kashiwa Reysol), Ha Seok-joo (Pohang Steelers), Ko Jong-su (Suwon Samsung Bluewings)

Forwards: Kim Do-hoon (Jeonbuk Hyundai Motors), Seol Ki-hyun (Royal Antwerp), Ahn Hyo-yeon (Kyoto Purple Sanga), Choi Yong-soo (JEF United Ichihara), Hwang Sun-hong (Kashiwa Reysol)

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D'Avray claims Glory too cocky for their own good

By Frank Risorto

PERTH Glory assistant coach Mitch D'Avray believes inconsistency and the Glory's own confidence got the better of them.

D'Avray believes the Glory went into the recent Melbourne Knights game already thinking about the next week.

"We did well to come away from Melbourne with a 0-0 draw and everybody was pretty happy," says D'Avray.

"We were confident that when we returned to Perth we could finish the job and make it through to the next round of the Finals.

"All the papers were saying we would now hammer the Knights and how we would walk all over them.

"Plus we sold thirty odd thousand tickets to the game so all the players were looking forward to that.

"But all of Perth was expecting us to win the game and I think it rubbed off on some of the players.

"We did well to defend at Melbourne with 10 men for over an hour and we still played quite well but we didn't put away our chances.

"They weren't concerned enough about the game and were expecting a walk in the park.

"And that complacency cost us in the end and now we are out of the race.

"The fact is we didn't beat the Knights at home and we were shell-shocked."

D'Avray, who is favourite to take over the reins at Perth Glory when Bernd Stange departs says it's too early to start planning for next season.

"So far we haven't planned anything yet," he said.

"We will be looking at some players but at the moment it's too early to speculate."

Players to ask court to block transfer pact

By Adrian Croft

PLAYERS' union FIFPro will ask a Belgian court to block a deal hammered out between soccer's governing bodies and the European Union on a new transfer system, lawyers have said.

FIFPro has requested an emergency hearing before the president of the Brussels Court of First Instance as *SuperSoccer* went to press at which it will ask for an injunction against the new transfer rules, expected to be approved by FIFA's executive on July 5.

FIFA, soccer's world governing body, and the Belgian Football Association are named as defendants in the case.

"The plaintiffs want the President of the Court to bar the application of the new FIFA regulation on transfers of professional footballers," lawyers representing FIFPro said in a statement on Friday.

They said several national players' unions and 350 professional players had joined FIFPro in launching the case.

Players named in legal papers as backing the suit included Standard Liege's Ivica Mornar, Lens' Jocelyn Blanchard and Olympique Lyon's Christophe Delmotte.

The soccer transfer agreement between FIFA, UEFA and the European Commission was hammered out in Brussels on March 5 after six months of fractious negotiations that had threatened to throw the game into turmoil.

However, the agreement was reached without FIFPro, which had earlier broken ranks with the governing bodies, complaining that the talks favoured the clubs over the players.

The EC had insisted the current transfer system, where clubs demand a fee for in-contract players, broke EU employment rules.

Under the new system, any player breaking his contract within the first two years of a three-year "protected" period could be barred from playing for his new club for four months in the following season.

Patrick Mbaya, a lawyer representing FIFPro in Belgium, told Reuters that FIFPro is at this stage seeking an emergency, provisional order barring FIFA from applying the new rules.

It hoped to win this emergency order before July 5.

The emergency order is aimed at making sure the new rules do not go into effect to allow time for another court to consider detailed legal arguments on the merits of the case.

In legal papers, FIFPro's lawyers say the new FIFA rules break most national laws on freedom of work and are contrary to the European Convention on Human Rights.

They argue the proposed system benefits soccer club owners who wish to continue with a lucrative trade in players.

Players who wanted to change clubs would need an international transfer certificate which would be impossible to obtain in practice for a footballer who broke unilaterally with his club, they said.

Spokesmen for FIFA and the Belgian FA could not immediately be reached for comment.

The EC is not named as a defendant in the case.

Informed sources say the Commission cannot be attacked legally because it did not reach a formal agreement with FIFA and UEFA in March but only signalled it would be able to close its case on the transfer rules if FIFA adopted new rules along the lines discussed.

Two more players fail drug tests in Italy

TWO more players in the Italian first division have failed drug tests, the National Olympic Committee (CONI) said in a statement on Friday.

It did not name the players or their clubs, saying only that those involved tested "non-negative" in routine tests after Serie A matches.

Further details will only be released after a second test (B test) is carried out on the urine samples submitted by the two players.

The latest positive tests bring the number of Serie A and B footballers to have failed preliminary doping controls this season to 10.

In the other eight cases, the B sample results confirmed the results of the first test.

Those involved include Lazio's Portuguese defender Fernando Couto and Dutch midfielder Edgar Davids of Juventus, who have both been suspended indefinitely.

All the positive tests were for the banned anabolic steroid nandrolone and all the players involved have denied taking banned substances.

The Italian Football Federation has launched an inquiry into the dietary supplements used at soccer clubs to determine whether they could be the cause of the failed tests.

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Borg looking to impact for Bulls

By Adam Leto

THIS season the Fairfield Bulls have shown their strength in attack.

Up to round 11 the Bulls have averaged over three goals per game, the highest in the league.

One of the reasons for their attacking dominance has been the outstanding form of their strikers, Marc Hoenselaars, Johnny Ghisso and Matthew Borg.

According to Borg, the turnaround for the Bulls recent run of form has a lot to do with the confidence of the Bulls strikeforce.

"Some people may think that with three good strikers and only two positions that it may be bad for the team," explains Borg.

"But that can't be furthest from the truth.

"The three of us are all good mates and we have played together before for a number of years.

"The competition is good, and the way I see it you can't have too many attacking options."

And attacking they certainly are, with the Bulls proving to be one of the most crowd-pleasing teams in the league.

However it is the recent improvements in defence and in midfield that have seen the Bulls climb the ladder.

"Our effort in defence and in midfield has really improved in recent weeks," Borg said.

"I think our current squad is a lot stronger than last season's.

"There has been a fair bit of change, but it's made us better."

One of the biggest changes to the Fairfield Bulls of old, is the involvement of Borg.

In recent years, Borg was the Bulls main attacking option, but with the arrival of Hoenselaars and Ghisso this has changed.

Borg has been used as a substitute in most matches this season, but has made the most of his time on the pitch.

"My form this season, has not been too good," admitted Borg.

"It depends on how we train and our current performances, as to who will start the match.

"Training is definitely important, if you don't put in at training then you won't get a run".

Despite coming off the bench, Borg has still had an impact with the Bulls this season.

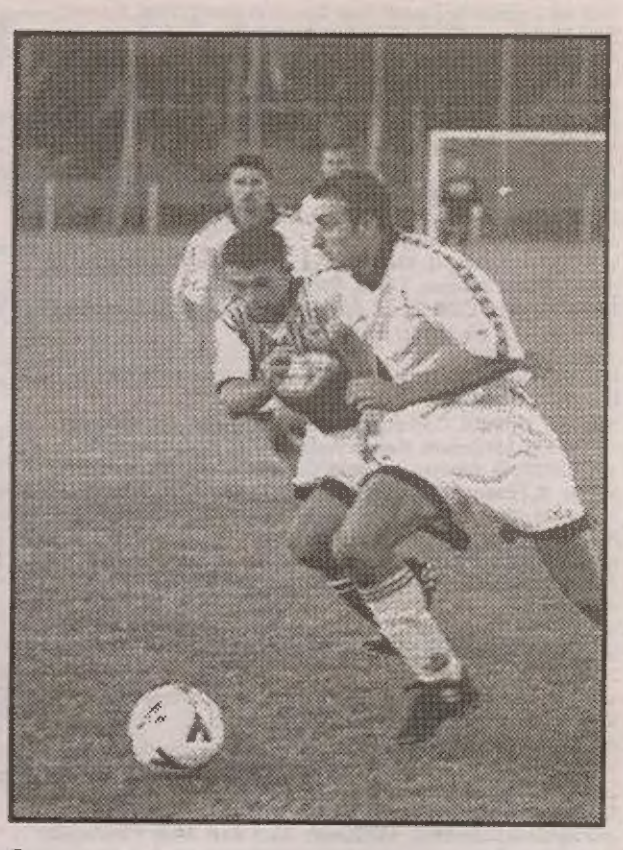
He scored two goals as a substitute against Stanmore, and has impressed when given a starting opportunity.

"It is hard coming off the bench, obviously I would prefer to start," Borg says.

"Against some teams it's good coming off the bench, because they're tired and they tend to drop off in intensity.

"But in tight games it can be difficult, because you're still working your way into the match and they've been playing from the start.

"The marking is usually tighter too.



"Because I've been coming off the bench, my fitness is still improving.

"But my touch has been good, so that's a good thing."

At the start of the season big things were expected from the Fairfield team.

However after a slow start to the season many experts were starting to re-evaluate their predictions.

But with the signing of Ghisso and Hoenselaars, and Borg starting to become more and more involved, the Bulls have shown they are genuine title threat.

"We are definitely a top two team," Borg says.

Harries recovers

WOLLONGONG Wolves striker Paul Harries is recovering well from surgery after a tear in his cartilege.

The ex-Portsmouth striker is hoping to be running and again this week after receiving the ok from his specialist.

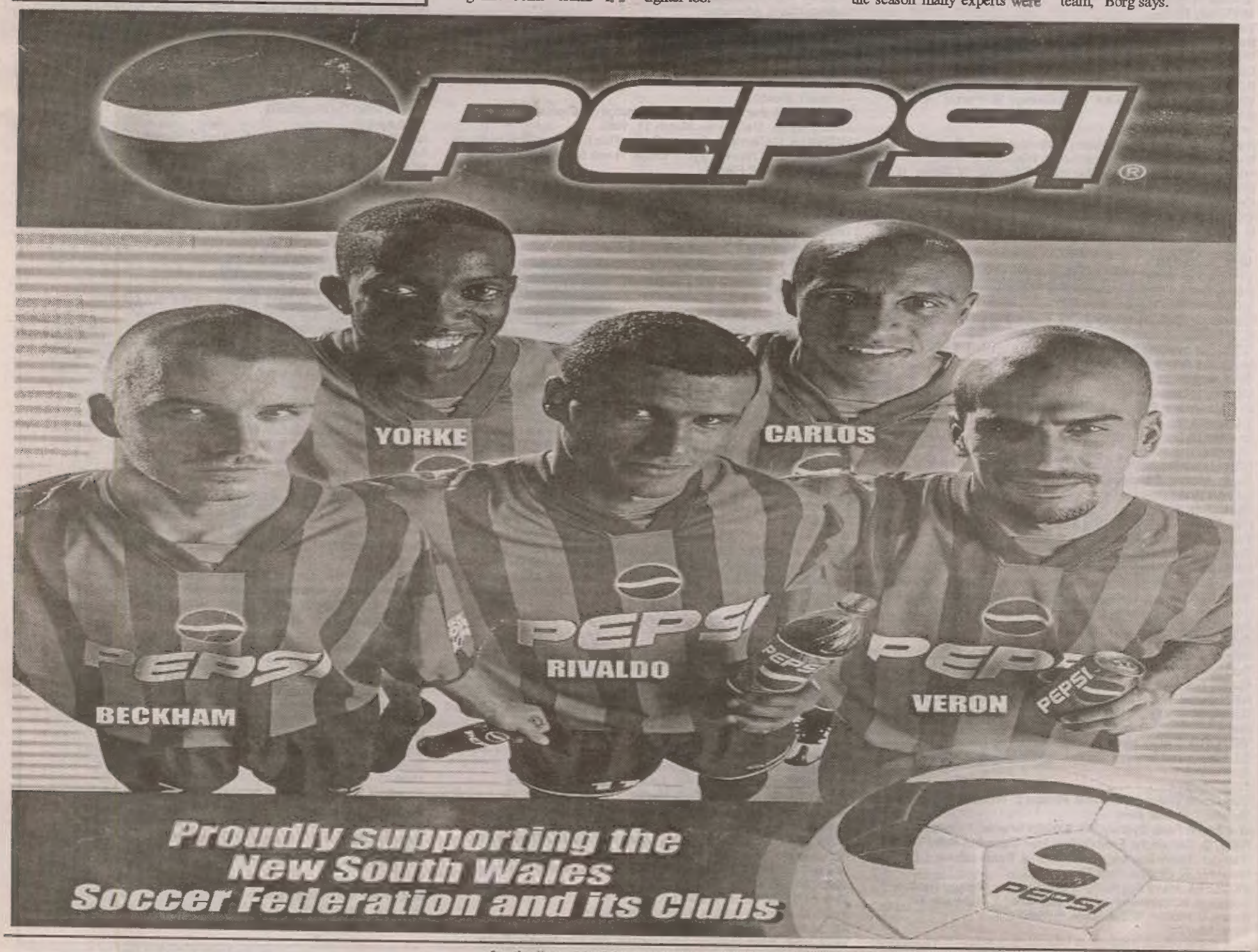
"Against Olympic a few weeks ago I felt a twinge in my knee and had an MRI scan and that confirmed it," says Harries.

"It's healed well so far and but I couldn't have kept playing without the surgery.

"It's been two weeks since the operation and they have told me that it's now alright to start jogging and doing things like that.

"I will see how I feel but I'm not going to rush anything just yet.

"I'll just take it easy."



NSW v VICTORIA *a record ....*

1883, August 16
Victoria 2 (Riddell, Teare) New South Wales 2 (Kerr, Eaves)
East Melbourne Cricket Ground, Melbourne
Att: 200. Referee: W. Bisiker.
VICTORIA: Keefe; C. Kier (c), McLaren, Law, McCauslan, Almond, Ware, Spence, Teare, Riddell,Laird.
NSW: Higgins, Ellis, Dodd, Sawyer, Major, J. McQueen, Kerr, Tyrer, Alcock, Eaves (c), Richardson.
1883, August 18
Victoria 0 New South Wales 0
South Melbourne Cricket Ground, Melbourne.
Att: 200. Referee: Smith
VICTORIA: Keefe; C. Kier (c), McLaren, Law, McCauslan, Almond, Ware, Spence, Teare, Riddell,Laird.
NSW: Higgins, Ellis, Dodd, Sawyer, Major, J. McQueen, Kerr, Tyrer, Alcock, Eaves (c), Richardson.
1884, July 26
New South Wales 4 (Kerr 3, Stephen) Victoria 1 (McCallum 3)
Moore Park, Sydney.
NSW: A. Howard, Campbell, Banner, Dagmore (c), Stephen, Griffiths, J. McQueen, Kerr, Tyrer. (line-up incomplete)
VICTORIA: R. Amson, A. Gibbs (c), McCallum, Hammond, Ware, A. Howard, Taggart, Handley (line-up incomplete)
1884, July 28
New South Wales 1 (Kerr) Victoria 2
Moore Park, Sydney.
NSW: Campbell, Griffiths, Kerr, Tyrer, Nicol, Stephen, (line-up incomplete)
VICTORIA: R. Amson, A. Gibbs (c) , Hammond, Taggart, McCallum, A. Howard (line-up incomplete)
1885, July 16
Victoria 4 (Ware, Robbins, Dunbar 2) New South Wales 0
East Melbourne Cricket Ground, Melbourne.
Att: 600. Referee: W. Besiker.
VICTORIA: Carmichael, Sorby , R. Amson; A. Gibbs (c), Robbins, H. Dunbar, Almond, H. Tunnicliffe, Graham, McCallum, Ware. NSW: R. Walker, Mayor, Coombs, Griggs, Jimmy Greig, Griffiths, McQueen, Jack Kerr, Muir, Princep (c), Tyrer.
1886, July 10
New South Wales 3 (Greig, Irvine, Kerr)
Victoria 0
Moore Park, Sydney. Att: 1,000. Referee: T. Griffiths.
NSW: A. Stephen, William Baillie (c), C. Mathers; A. Anderson, J. Picken, R. Walker; C. Stephen, Jimmie Greig; Jack Kerr, A. Irvine, J. Winters.
VICTORIA: Liddyard; I. Mellington, R. Amson; A. Wridgway, H. Tunnicliffe, A. Gibbs (c); H. Beeson, H. Dunbar, E. Holroyd, T. Spence, R. Gibbs.
1887, July 16
Victoria 2 (Miller) New South Wales 2 (Parker, Kerr)
East Melbourne Cricket Ground, Melbourne. Ref: Parkinson.
VICTORIA: A. Scott; R. Amson (c), W. Spence; Capper, Picken, Law; T. Spence, Dovey, McInnes, Miller, Gorrie.
NSW: J. Nelson; William Baillie (c), W. McMillan; D. Rae, R. Walker, W. Kidd; Jack Kerr, M. Dickinson, W. Parker , A. Christison, J. Sorlie.
1888 July 28
New South Wales 1 (McCrorie) Victoria 2 (Ross, Parnell)
Moore Park, Sydney. Referee: John Wallace.
NSW: J. Logan; William Baillie (c), J. Kilpatrick; W. Edgar, R. Hitchens, A. Picken; J. Graham, J. Thompson, J. Sorlie, A. Pringle, W. McCrory.
VICTORIA: Lockhead; R. Amson (c), P. McPherson; R. Bryan, H. Clark, H. Tunnicliffe; H. Parnell, C. Armour, J. Ross, A. Miller, J. Nicholson.
1913 August 16
Victoria 3 (Guthrie 2, Church) New South Wales 2 (Carroll 2)
Fitzroy Cricket Ground, Melbourne. Referee: Williams.
VICTORIA: W. Raggett; Jones, George Raitt; Tom Anderson, Dowker, D. Dick; Joe Grieves, W. Bellis, J. Guthrie, W. Church, E. Thomas.
NSW: H. Lowe; Hughes, W. Carroll (c), Blake, H. Teasel, J. Musgrave (line-up incomplete)
1913, August 23
Victoria 1 (Thomas) New South Wales 1 (Blake)
St Kilda Cricket Ground, Melbourne. Referee: George Hawkes.
VICTORIA: W. Raggett; Lycett, George Raitt; Tom Anderson, Dowker, D. Dick; Joe Grieves, Brown, J. Guthrie, W. Church, E. Thomas.
NSW: H. Lowe; Dave Williams, Ernie Hughes; Newson, J. Haigh, Stoker; J. Musgrave, Arthur Jones, H. Teasel, Will Carroll (c), Syd Blake.
1914, June 8
New South Wales 0 Victoria 1 (Grieves)
Epping Recreation Ground, Sydney.
Referee: E. Ratcliffe. Att: 3,000.
NSW: H. Lowe; Jock Ross, L. Gill; R. Moore (c), R. Sneddon, A. Nash; J. Grogan, W. Wyber, A. Doerner, J. Masters, Syd Blake.
VICTORIA: Twigg; Hyde, George Raitt; Ted Lowe, D. McMillan (c), Fisher; Joe Grieves, Brown, Ruddiman, W. Church, Tom Anderson.
1914, June 14
New South Wales 2 (Gallagher 2) Victoria 3 (Brown 2, Ruddiman)
Epping Recreation Ground, Sydney. Referee: J. MacDonald.
NSW: H. Lowe; J. Thompson, P. Stanger; E. Nash, S. Hilder, R. Rasell; W. Wyber, A. Gallagher, J. Hoskins, Will Carroll, Syd Blake.
VICTORIA: Twigg; Hyde, George Raitt; Ted Lowe, D. McMillan (c), Fisher; Joe Grieves, Brown, Ruddiman, W. Church, Tom Anderson.
1923, June 4
New South Wales 5 (Lennard, Phillips 2, W.Maunder, Bourke)
Victoria 1 (Parker pen)
Wentworth Park, Sydney. Att: 5,000. Referee: J. Lester.
NSW: G. Cartwright; Fred Gallen, Hen Maunder; Peter Doyle, Harrigan; Harry Spurway; Stan Bourke, Percy Lennard, Bill Maunder, A. Phillips, Tom Thompson.
VICTORIA: Harry Bingham; S. MacFarlane, George Raitt (c); F. Hopgood, N. Vandendresch, J. Hamilton; J. Anderson, G. Brown, J. Parker, R. Davidson, F. Boniface.
1928, May 26
New South Wales 2 (Smith 2) Victoria 3 (J. Baker 2, Thompson)
Sydney Cricket Ground No. 2, Sydney. Att: 8,000.
NEW SOUTH WALES: P. Jordan; A. Harris (c), J. Woods; F. Coolahan, J. Ireland, L. Bailey; G. Murphy, Alec Cameron, George Smith, W. Kerr, T.Thompson.
VICTORIA: Harry Bingham (c); H. Baker, Jim Willis; Lindsay, Charlie O'Connor, George Semple; J. Baker, R. Thompson, J. Johnstone, F. Thorpe, W. Souter.
1932, August 1
New South Wales 7 (Smith, Price 3, Suddick 2, Robertson)
Victoria 0
Gladesville Oval, Sydney. Referee: D. Quinn.
NEW SOUTH WALES: Jim McNabb; L. Crowhurst, J. Parkes; Charlie O'Connor, Ian Davidson, Bill Coolahan; H. Muir, J. Suddick, George Smith, W. Smith, H. Robertson.
VICTORIA: G. Shepherd; G. Weir, Jim Willis; J. Mayne, J. Kelly, F. Ursell; G. Macaulay, Percy Lewis, Alex Forrest, J. Johnstone, J. Paulsen.
1936, September 23
New South Wales 10 (Whitelaw, Sanders 2, Brown 4, Mascord 2, Evans) Victoria 0
Hindmarsh Oval, Adelaide.
NSW: A. Dellaway; A. Tobin, A. Thomson; J. Morris, H. McGillvray, G. Cheswick; R. Sanders, D. Evans, J. Brown, Hugh Whitelaw, H. Mascord.
VICTORIA: Sharp; T. Calderwood, Harris; Crowle, Roth, Taylor; Thorpe, Morton, Jock Baxter, Peters, McDougall.
1940, May 4
New South Wales 4 (Osborne, Wilkinson, Hughes 2)
Victoria 2 (Turnbull, Lyons)
Arlington Oval, Sydney.
NSW: Jim McNabb; W. Moy, G. Muncaster; Ray Bryant, Matt McGillivray, J. Osborne; Roy Crowhurst, Jim Wilkinson, Alf Quill, Jack Hughes, L. Burdett.
VICTORIA: W. Bates; Abraham Resnik, A. Mackey; C. Semple, D. Bingham, A. Beth-Halevy; Peter Young, W. Douglas, J. Lyons, G. Taylor, R. Turnbull.
1952, June 9
Victoria 3 (Lachmann 44, Zablocki 52, Caldarevic 73)
New South Wales 1 (Date 35 pen)
Toorak Park, Melbourne. Att: 7,000.
VICTORIA: Steve Czauderna; Eric Heath, Frank Mouchka; Sergio Bassi , Angus Drennan; Bob Zablocki, Jackie Wilson, Vlado Caldarevic, Steve Zakomarok, Lachmann. Coach: Tom Jack. (line-up incomplete)
NSW: Bill Mahoney; Doug Wendt, G. Russell, Reg Date, Frank Parsons (sent off 88'), Charlie Stewart (line-up incomplete)
1954, April 16
New South Wales 2 (Sands, Stewart)
Victoria 2 (og Gottesman)
Norwood Oval, Adelaide.
NSW: Ron Lord; Cliff Almond, Doug Wendt, L. Hearne, F. Sands, Charlie Stewart (line-up incomplete)
VICTORIA: Steve Czauderna; Tom Jack, Angus Drennan, J. Strachan, J. Gottesman, Harry Sutherland (line-up incomplete)
1955, March 11
Victoria 1 (Berry)
New South Wales 4 (McMahon, Learmonth, Robertson 2)
Showgrounds, Melbourne. March 11, 1955.
VICTORIA: C Camilleri; George Rakic, Ralph Walker; Bob Wemyss, Tom Jack, Stan Stacey; Syd Thomas, N von Nagy, John Berry, S Stefanovic, Ralph Piercy.
NSW: Ron Lord; Bob Bignell, C Allanson; Kevin O'Neill, Bill Williams, Doug Wendt; Charlie Stewart, Jock McMahon, Keith Learmonth, Jack Lennard, Harry Robertson.
1955, June 12
New South Wales 0 Victoria 2 (Boz, Hodgson)
Newcastle.
NSW: Bob McLelland, Underwood, Kevin O'Neill, Doug Wendt; Tom Rowles, Jack Lennard, Jack Drinkwater, Alan Johns, Teel. (line-up incomplete)
VICTORIA: Peter Blunt; Sid Thomas, Bill Harburn, Ralph Piercy, Don Hodgson, A. Boz, Coach: Len Young. (line-up incomplete)
1955, June 13
New South Wales 4 (Moore 2, Learmonth 2) Victoria 1 (Thomas)
Lambert Park, Sydney. Att: 8,000.
NSW: Bill Henderson; Bob Bignell, Kevin O'Neill; Bill Williams, George Wheatley, Bob Young; Ron Burns, Jim Moore, Keith Learmonth, Jack Lennard, Harry Robertson. Coach: Norm Brassington.
VICTORIA: Peter Blunt; Tom Jack, Don Hodgson, Sid Thomas Coach: Len Young. (line-up incomplete)
1956 June 2
Victoria 4 (Cubero 2, Zavatier 2) New South Wales 1 (Learmonth)
Elsternwick Park, Melbourne. Att: 4,500.
VICTORIA: Ray Barotajs; John Picinich, Cor Mathyssen; Bob Wemyss (c), Max Vivoli, Bill Harburn; Sid Thomas, Frank Loughran, Mike de Bruyckere, Pepe Cubero, Walter Zavatier. NSW: Bill Henderson; Gherbich, John Pettigrew; Bob Bignell (c), George Mellinghoff, Bill Williams; Bruce Morrow,. Lott; Keith Learmonth, Bill Paddock, Higgins. (line-up incomplete)
1956, June 4
Victoria 5 (Thomas, Cubero 3, deBruyckere)
New South Wales 0
South Melbourne Cricket Ground, Melbourne.
VICTORIA: Arthur Scott; John Picinich, Cor Mathyssen; Bob Wemyss (c), Max Vivoli, Bill Harburn; Sid Thomas, Frank Loughran, Mike de Bruyckere, Pepe Cubero, Walter Zavatier. NSW: Dave Bone; Bob Bignell (c), John Pettigrew; Brown, Bill Williams, Barr; Bill Paddock, Lott; Keith Learmonth, Turella,Higgins.
1960, Jun 11
Victoria 4 (Hodgson 2, Keuken 2)
New South Wales 1 (Baumgartner)
Olympic Park, Melbourne. Att: 7,500. Referee: F. R. Ward.
VICTORIA: S. Jankovic; Terry Hartley , Remo Guardini; Vic Janczyk, Joe Frangioni, Tony Vella; Lolly Vella, Don Hodgson, J. Keuken, Mike De Bruyckere, Georgoussis.
NSW: Ron Cairns, Erwin Ninaus, Jock Aird, Jack O'Brien (Fil Bottalico 21), Joe Marston (c), Les Scheinflug, Herbert Ninaus, Walter Tamandl, Leo Baumgartner, Karl Jaros, Barry Salisbury.
1962 January 13
Victoria 0 New South Wales 1 (Levy)
South Melbourne Cricket Ground, Melbourne.
Att: 15,000. Referee: Roger Lamb.
VICTORIA: Norm Hobson; Fred Falzon, Jim Mantarakis; Frank Micic, Dick van Alphen, Terry Hartley, Noel Kenny, M. Dudon, Mike Jurecki, Don Hodgson, Jan Bons. Coach: Mike de Bruyckere.
NSW: Harry Wenzl; Victor Mach, Stan Sklarek; Jim Kelly, Erwin Ninaus, Angelo Mavropoulos; Herbert Ninaus, John Watkiss, Les Schauman, Raffi Levy, Karl Jaros.
1962, April 23
Victoria 0 New South Wales 2 (Jaros, Baumgartner)
Olympic Park, Melbourne. Att: 13,847. Referee: Bill Hosie (SA).
VICTORIA: Henryk Gronowski; Fred Falzon, Cor Mathyssen; Frank Micic, Dick van Alphen, Terry Hartley, T. Marinovic, John Margaritis, Mike Jurecki (John Bedford), Noel Kenny, S. Szygalski.
NSW: Ron Lord; Victor Mach, George Nuttall; Jim Kelly, Erwin Ninaus, Angelo Mavropoulos; Vernon Wentzel, Walter Tamandl, Herbert Ninaus, Leo Baumgartner, Karl Jaros (Raffi Levy 46').
1962, April 25
New South Wales 3 (H. Ninaus2, Baumgartner)
Victoria 4 (Vella, Villiers, Beerendonk 2)
Sydney Sports Ground. Att: 12,474. Referee: Frank Sbisa.
NSW: Ron Lord; Victor Mach, George Nuttall; Jim Kelly, Erwin Ninaus, Angelo Mavropoulos; Vernon Wentzel, Walter Tamandl, Herbert Ninaus, Leo Baumgartner, Les Scheinflug.
VICTORIA: Henryk Gronowski (Norm Hobson); Fred Falzon, Jim Mantarakis; John Margaritis, Frank Micic, Terry Hartley; Leo Beerendonk, Mike De Bruyckere (R. Smith), Dick van Alphen, Alan Villiers, Lolly Vella. Coach: Mike de Bruyckere.
1963 April 25
New South Wales 3 (Barnett, Blitz, H.Ninaus)
Victoria 2 (Pearson 2)
Sydney Sports Ground. Att: 9,673. Referee: W. Vernon (Qld).
NSW: Ron Lord; P. Banicevic, S. Sherwin; Jim Kelly (c), Mita Stojanovic, Ferdo Dunaj; Ray Blitz, Graham Barnett, Herbert Ninaus, Alick Jeffrey, Les Scheinflug.
VICTORIA: Bruno Putkowski; Zvonimir Rasic, Fred Falzon; John Margaritis, Billy Rice, Frank Micic; Arch Campbell, Mike Jurecki, Eddie Jankowski, Edmund Zientara, Jim Pearson.
1968 March 11
Victoria 0 New South Wales 0
Olympic Park, Melbourne. Att: 6,000. Referee: Dave Maitland.
VICTORIA: Willie Schroif; George Keith, David High; Tommy Randles, Dick van Alphen, Jock Goodwin; Tommy McColl, Atti Abonyi, John Sanchez (Jim Mackay), Hammy McMeechan, Billy Vojtek. Coach: Mike De Bruyckere.
NSW: Ron Corry; Brian Lincoln, Stan Ackerley; Manfred Schaefer, Alan Marnoch, Les Scheinflug; Archie Blue, Alan Westwater, John Warren, Ray Baartz, Vic Fernandez. Coach: Joe Venglos.
1968, March 24
New South Wales 1 (Scheinflug) Victoria 0
Wentworth Park, Sydney. Att: 7,286. Referee: Tony Boskovic.
NSW: Ron Corry; Brian Lincoln, Stan Ackerley; Manfred Schaefer, Alan Marnoch, Les Scheinflug; Archie Blue, Alan Westwater, John Warren (Dennis Yaager 46), Ray Baartz, Vic Fernandez (Ray Blitz 19). Coach: Joe Venglos.
VICTORIA: Willie Schroif; George Keith, Billy Cook; Frank Micic, Dick van Alphen, Jock Goodwin; Hammy McMeechan, Atti Abonyi, Tommy Randles, Jim Mackay (Tommy McColl), Billy Vojtek. Coach: Mike De Bruyckere.
1969 April 7
New South Wales 4 (Denton 2, Alston 2) Victoria 1 (McCallum)
Arlington Oval, Sydney. Att: 3,327. Referee: Tony Boskovic.
NSW: Ron Corry, Manfred Schaefer, David Zeman, Stan Ackerley, Dennis Yaager, John Warren, Atti Abonyi (W. Rutherford 72'), Archie Blue, Adrian Alston, Ray Baartz, Mike Denton (E Campbell 87'). Coach: Joe Venglos.
VICTORIA: Lou Kastner, Milan Mihailjovic (David Kelly 64'), Billy Cook, John Bedford, Frank Micic, Jim Mackay (Horst Rau 46'), Billy Vojtek, Jim Rooney, Nick McCallum, Tommy McColl, Branko Buljevic,
1969, September 21
Victoria 2 (Mackay, Gorrie) New South Wales 2 (Thorne, Armytage)
Olympic Park, Melbourne. Att: 2,744. Referee: Geoff Harrison.
VICTORIA: Jack Reilly, Doug Utjesenovic, Alistair Scott, Frank Micic, Billy Rice, George Kinnell, Tommy McColl (Colin Myers), Jim Mackay, Branko Buljevic (David Gorrie), Jim Rooney, Billy Vojtek.
NSW: Gary King, Bruce Tracey, Geoff Harcombe, Ray Rootsey, Pat Woods, George McCulloch, Tommy Randles, Terry Thorne, Raul Blanco (Griffiths), Edwards (Greg Byles), Larry Armytage. Coach: Joe Venglos.
1970 April 5
Victoria 2 (Vojtek, Utjesenovic) New South Wales 2 (Denton, Alston)
Middle Park, Melbourne. Att: 5,000. Referee: Lou Stafrace.
VICTORIA: Jack Reilly, Doug Utjesenovic, George Kinnell, Sandy Irvine, Alistair Scott, Frank Micic, Jimmy Mackay, Jock Goodwin, Dan Zoraja (Billy Rogers), Billy Vojtek, Branko Buljevic. Coach: Rale Rasic.
NSW: Jim Fraser, Dennis Yaager, Alan Marnoch, Manfred Schaefer (Peter Wilson 46), Don Sandell, John Warren (c), Ray Baartz, John Watkiss (Jim Rooney), Atti Abonyi, Adrian Alston, Mike Denton. Coach: Frank Arok.
1970, April 29
New South Wales 1 (Keddie 61) Victoria 1 (Buljevic 3)
Sydney Sports Ground. Att: 2,268. Referee: Peter Rampley.
NSW: Jim Fraser (Bill Rorke), Davey, David Zeman, John Watkiss, Alan Marnoch, Atti Abonyi, Campbell, Ray Baartz, Rutherford (Alan Ainslie), Dave Keddie, Ray Blitz (Mike Denton)
VICTORIA: Lou Kastner, Doug Utjesenovic, George Kinnell, Frank Micic, Alistair Scott, Tommy McColl, David Gorrie, Jock Goodwin, Ulysses Kokkinos (Tom Roseweir), Branko Buljevic, Steve Bleskany (Dan Zoraja).
1980
Victoria 4 (Paton 2, Cole, Campbell) New South Wales 0
Olympic Park, Melbourne. Att: 2,500. Referee: Stewart Mellings.
VICTORIA: Peter Laumets, John Yzendoorn, Steve Kokoska, John Gardiner, Jim Tansey, Jim Campbell, Joe Tront, Jamie Paton (Noel Mitten 83'), Gary Cole, Tommy Cumming. Coach: Len McKendry.
NSW: Peter Wilson, Branko Thompson, Peter Mullen, Steve McDonald, Bill Palmer, Bruno Cagalj (Craig Hall 46'), Neil Williams, Mark Davis (Joe Farrugia 46'), Clive Eaton, Andy Scott, Dennis Daley. Coach: Leo Baumgartner.

Stats courtesy Victorian Soccer Federation

Francis Awaritife, Rockdale's new sun....

By Frank Risorto

The Rockdale City Suns have pulled off the transfer coup of the New South Wales Super League season by securing the services of National Soccer League legend Francis Awaratife.

Awaritife had a distinguished career in the NSL playing with Melbourne Knights, South Melbourne, Marconi and finally Sydney United.

Awaritife put pen to paper last week to sign a ten game contract.

It's a huge bonus for the southern club who were struggling of late and this could be just the boost they need heading into the second round of fixtures.

Club secretary Mendo Cklamovski was over the moon with the signing and hopes it can give the club that extra boost.

"We had been speaking to Sydney United about taking some players on loan and that's how we came about talking to Francis," says Cklamovski.

"We had to get clearance from Sydney United because his contract with them ended in June.

"He came to last week's game and we showed him around the club and had a bit of a chat.

"So we are obviously very happy that he chose to play with us.

"Now I hope he will bring a few people through the gate and score lots of goals."

Awaritife, who played in over 300 NSL games based his decision around work commitments and it's believed Rockdale have given him the best opportunity to do so.

Namovski prepares Dulwich Hill for the Portuguese derby

By Frank Risorto

DULWICH HILL coach Bill Pilovski has been away for the last few weeks due to an operation and assistant coach Nick Namovski believes the unity in the side and determination to do well while Pilovski is away is their main strength.

"Everything has been the same at the club but the players have responded well to me coaching," says Namovski.

"If anything they are responding to me very well because they want to do well for Billy.

"And if that helps him then they will be happy and it shows how close this bunch of guys is.

"That's what I think is our strength, that we are very close and there's a real family atmosphere at the club.

"We had about 11 players leave last year and since then the new guys have done well.

"The new players have blended in quite well and are now settling down with the club."

Despite Pilovski's absence, Namovski has enjoyed his time in charge of the first team. The best thing is that I have been given a free rein by Bill," says Namovski.

"He has full confidence in me and has left everything up to me.

"He knows what I can do though and we are good for each other.

"I haven't heard him screaming at me from the hill just yet.

"Normally one of us is screaming and the other is trying to remain calm about things."

The Hill have also recently signed Jose Mendez from Premier League club Canterbury-Marrickville.

Namovski believes Mendez will bring a new dimension to their game.

"He's a good player and will certainly bring experience to our side," he said.

"He is currently playing with the Under 21s to get back some match fitness into his game and once that comes back he will probably come onto the bench for first grade.

"He may come into the first team later on after but I think it will be sooner rather then later.

"Mendez has played in the NSWSL and NSWPL for a long time and that experience will be vital to Dulwich Hill.

"He is also good at holding onto the ball and that's something I think we have lacked.

"Somebody who could hold the ball and direct the traffic so to speak and I think he will bring this to us once he comes in to out first grade side."

Dulwich Hill will also be playing their most important game this week when they tackle local rivals and fellow Portuguese backed club, Fraser Park.

"It's definitely a very big game and the one that we want to win the most," said Namovski.

"All the players look forward to this match more then any other and both sides get into the game.

"It probably stems from the tradition involved with the clubs.

"Despite that we have a tough three or four weeks ahead of us.

"We have Fraser Park, Bankstown City and Fairfield Bulls coming up so it doesn't get any easier.

"This year the NSWSL where is a much closer competition than last year.

"The standard of competition has improved by 30 or 40 percent and it's come across in the results over the past few weeks.

"Our main aim at the start of the season was to finish in the Top Five and so far we are doing better then we expected and if we can stay in the top two it will be a huge boost come Finals time."

The word on the Illawarra

THE WORD is that Port Kembla's influential midfielder Mineo Bonetig has caught the eye of several New South Wales Premier League clubs.

But the 31-year-old Bonetig claims he's happy to keep playing at the local level even although these clubs still believe he has a lot to offer.

It is said that several clubs will soon approach him with an offer.

BALGOWNIE have caught the eye of many this year with their performances.

With a heap of new arrivals, coach Jock Morlando had a lot of players to pick from and they have rewarded him with a spot in the Top Four.

Can they keep up their good run of form?

Only time will tell.

And as for their ambition to move into the NSW Super League, it's still on the cards.

KEMBLAWARRA youngster Matt Parker has been the revelation of the season so far.

Scoring goals and running riot up front he has impressed many and caught the eye of the so called 'bigger' clubs.

One club which has even cast an eye over Parker isn't ready to confirm their interest just yet.

Parker looks happy at Kemblawarra and it's positive that his club will turn down any move for him in the future.

IT SEEMS that Illawarra Premier League clubs will stop at nothing to win the competition, even offering Wollongong Wolves fringe players up to $800 dollars a week to play.

The word is that the young players have been told not to worry about work or university commitments as long as they take part in one training session and the games.

It's believed one Illawarra club has been targeting veteran Wollongong Wolves defender David Cervinski and they are very keen to have him at their club.

The club has offered him a deal and if he accepts, he hopes it will keep him in the best possible shape for next season in the NSL.

Cervinski says he would like to play in the Illawarra Premier League which clashes with the NSL off-season but no deal has been done just yet.

WESTERN Suburbs striker Trevor Whiddett has been given a lifeline to continue playing football in the Illawarra.

Due to regulations he wasn't allowed to play with Wests because they already had an 'import' player in ex-Wolves midfielder Neil Harlock.

Because Whiddett was playing with Macarthur he was also classed as an out of town player so he couldn't play at Wests despite it being his local club.

The Woonona Sharks have come to his rescue and have signed Whiddett for the season despite a bigger offer from another club.

It's expected once this season is over he will return to Wests.

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Australia's FOOTBALL WEEKLY speaks to the past Warren Medallists ....

Jimmy Rooney, Captain Socceroo shaking hands with Ireland's Martin O'Neill

By Frank Risorto

JIMMY Rooney won the very first NSL Player of the Year award in 1977, back before it was even called the Warren Medal.

In fact, in that year Johnny Warren was coach of Canberra City with the new club playing its first season in Australia's brand new national league.

"Now I look back on it and am glad to have won it," says Rooney.

"They seem to give you a trophy for everything these days so when you win an individual prize you appreciate it more."

Rooney was born in Scotland on the 10th December 1945 and arrived in Australia to play football with the Melbourne side Essendon Lions.

"There were a lot of guys who played football coming out to Australia," he said.

"Bobby McLachlan, Archie Blue, there were a lot.

"You could make some money and help set up your family and it was nice weather compared to home.

"I remember arriving in Melbourne and thinking now what, but it was a lovely place and I was happy to have come."

He then moved to Sydney to play with Prague, Apia-Leichhardt and Marconi before ending his footballing career in the NSL with Heidelberg as well as playing 55 games and scoring three goals for the Socceroos.

Even although Rooney was the first recipient of the NSL Player of the Year he still remembers his time at Marconi as if it was yesterday.

"It was a great year and there were some really good games being played," he says.

"But the problem was we had no real publicity, nothing like today.

"At some games there was a real good atmosphere.

"It was the first year as the NSL so it was always going to be tough but looking back we did alright.

"At Marconi we had a terrific side and a great coach and it was a shame that we didn't win more."

Rooney played at Marconi with the likes of Roberto Vieri and Bobby Russell and is still fond of the 1977 side.

Factfile

James Rooney
Born: 10 December 1945, Scotland.
Position: Midfield
Clubs: Essendon Lions (Victorian State League)
Prague FC (NSW First Division)
Apia (NSW First Division)
Marconi (National Soccer League)
Heidelberg (National Soccer League)
Australian Caps: 55 Goals: 3

"It was a great team and we were balanced all over the park," says Rooney.

"There were some good players around then.

"We didn't have the depth in the team but we all fitted in well.

"That's what I believe makes a good side if everything is balanced and all the players combine.

"The club itself was out in the wilderness of west Sydney but had all the facilities.

"Obviously it wasn't as big as it is nowadays but for those times it was a big place.

"The whole set-up was good, we had training pitches, a nice playing surface and back then it was a good little club.

"Looking at the different set-ups, we didn't have that much compared to now.

"I was approached by them when I was in Melbourne and with the money and the type of players you are with then you couldn't really refuse.

"Rale Rasic was a great coach and after he took us to the World Cup we were all coming off a huge high.

"Rale was responsible for getting us to the World Cup, he was a fantastic coach and if he wasn't there we wouldn't have got that far I believe.

"Coming up from Melbourne was quite a shock for me.

"But we had Roberto Vieri, Bobby Russell and Peter Sharne.

"It was a good side."

Having won the fist of a trophy which is now called the Warren Medal means that Jimmy Rooney's name is in the NSL history books forever, something nobody can take away from him.

"At the time a lot of people were telling me I was going to win and that I was odds-on favourite," he says.

"I was playing well that year but had played better in previous years with the Lions and won nothing.

"I was kind of confident without getting too cocky about it just in case somebody else would win.

"On the night I was still very nervous about the whole thing as you are on award nights.

"They were reading out the votes and as each vote went my way I was feeling better and better.

"Then towards the end of the tally it was impossible for me to lose because I had such a margin on everybody else.

"I was surprised by the amount of votes that I did get.

"And I think today it still stands as the biggest winning margin for the award.

"At the time you don't really think about the awards that much you just think to yourself how good it is.

"You just keep playing for as long as you can and that's the most important thing no matter where you are in the world.

"But now that you are past your best and not playing you look back and think it's pretty special.

"Even when I'm 150-years-old it will be nice to show all the grandkids and prove I'm not lying about any stories that I tell them about their grandfather."

YEAR	PLAYER OF THE YEAR
1977	Jimmy Rooney (Marconi Fairfield)
1978	Ken Boden (Newcastle KB United)
1979	Ivo Prskalo (Marconi Fairfield)
1980	Jimmy Hermiston (Brisbane Lions)
1981	Bobby Russell (Adelaide City)
1982	Peter Katholos (Sydney Olympic)
1983	Joe Watson (Sydney City)
1984	Sergio Melia (Adelaide City)
1985	Graham Honeyman (West Adelaide)
1986	Bobby Russell (South Melbourne)
	Graham Arnold* (Sydney Croatia)
1987	Andrew Zinni (Brunswick)
	Frank Farina* (Marconi Fairfield)
1988	Paul Wade (South Melbourne)
	Frank Farina* (Marconi Fairfield)
1989	Zlatko Nastevski (Marconi Fairfield)
89/90	Zeljko Adzic (Melbourne Croatia)
90/91	Milan Ivanovic (Adelaide City)
91/92	Josip Biskic (Melbourne Croatia)
92/93	Paul Trimboli (South Melbourne)
93/94	Mark Viduka (Melbourne CSC)
94/95	Mark Viduka (Melbourne Knights)
95/96	Damian Mori (Adelaide City)
96/97	Kresimir Marusic (Sydney United)
97/98	Paul Trimboli (South Melbourne)
98/99	Brad Maloney (Marconi Fairfield)
99/00	Scott Chipperfield (Wollongong Wolves)

* The Player of the Year award was voted by the media until 1988. In 1986 a players' award was instituted and after 1988 it replaced the media award as the only award presented at the NSL Awards Night. Currently the Player of the Year is awarded the Warren Medal.

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No 4: Jimmy Rooney

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2001 GRAND FINAL SPECIAL ... ALL THE NSL CHAMPIONSHIP ACTION

THE FINAL COUNTDOWN

AUSTRALIAN NSL CHAMPIONSHIP 2001

BY BRUCE CAMPBELL

THE 2001 NSL Grand Final, if nothing else, will be a clash of contrasting styles.

In the Silver Anniversary of Australia's chequered national league all eyes will be focussed on the big day at Parramatta Stadium this Sunday.

A 12 noon kick off has drawn criticism from some quarters but then the time would have been criticised by those same quarters no matter when it was played—or where the game was played.

In a fitting climax to the season the two very best sides will be on show at Parramatta.

Fans all over the country will be hoping that the Parramatta Stadium ground staff can do the work which is needed to bring the pitch into good condition.

But all that will count for nothing when the two aspirants for Coach of the Year take their teams onto the field.

WOLLONGONG'S RON CORRY: Will the former South Sydney and Australia goalkeeper win the NSL Coach of the Year award? Bruce Campbell thinks the key is the Grand Final—and expects Corry to be holding the silverware at the final whistle.

Both Wollongong's Ron Corry and South Melbourne's Mike Petersen are in their first Grand Final as a coach—and both at the very first attempt.

Corry has one up on his southern rival, having won the Oceania Club Championship although Petersen can counter that by having won the League Premiership.

Both have had brilliant seasons and both are worthy contenders for the prestigious award which will be announced at Star City the week after the Grand Final.

The game?

Well that will see Wollongong play the only way they can, with their flank men raiding and probing and with big Stuart Young ready to capitalise on any aerial play in the box.

Saso Petrovski, who has been in fantastic form all season, is also a likely contender to get amongst the goals.

On the other side of the coin the dead ball skills of Con Boutsianis are a major weapon for South Melbourne.

But the key for me will be in the line-up selected by Petersen. He has a plethora of choices up front but that constant revolving of his permutations is, I believe, the cause of his recent undoing. South need to be settled going into the big game against a Wollongong side which is capable of turning over any team in Australia—as they proved twice against the League Premiers in recent weeks.

Should Petersen start Trimboli then I can foresee South Melbourne settling down and gradually taking over control of the vital midfield area.

But if Petersen opts for the supposed speed that is absent when the little general is on the park I believe that Wollongong will control the middle and flanks.

By the time Petersen counteracts this it will be too late.

The outcome of the game could well also be the outcome of the battle for Coach of the Year.

My tip?

I expect to be toasting Ron Corry at the Star City Casino along with the rest of Australia's football press corps.

ALL THE GRAND FINAL SCORERS .....

3 Goals
Anastasiadis, John (South Melbourne)
Cole, Gary (Heidelberg Utd/Alexander)
Marton, Dez (St George)
2 Goals
Egan, Charlie (South Melbourne)
Incantalupo, Fab (Brunswick)
Marth, Andrew (Melbourne Knights)
Nastevski, Zlatko (Marconi)
Trenter (Sydney City/Hakoah)
1 Goal
Boutsianis, Con (South Melbourne)
Brown, Rod (Brisbane Strikers)
Calderan, Steve (Marconi)
Cervinski, Adrian (Melbourne Knights)
Chipperfield, Scott (Wollongong Wolves)
Crino, Oscar (South Melbourne)
Despotovski, Slobodan (Perth Glory)
Edwards, Alistair (Sydney Olympic)
Farina, Frank (Brisbane Strikers)
Harnwell, Jamie (Perth Glory)
Harper, Andy (Marconi)
Horsley, Matt (Wollongong Wolves)
Hunter, Alan (Sydney United)
Ironside, Robbie (Sydney Olympic)
Johnstone (Sydney Olympic)
Kelso, Barry (Brisbane City)
Kosmina, John (Sydney City/Hakoah)
Koussas, Mark (Sydney Olympic)
Lamond, Manis (Sydney United)
Milicevic, Lou (Perth Glory)
Mori, Damian (Adelaide City)
Ollerton, Peter (Marconi)
Palatsides, Joe (South Melbourne)
Paton, Jamie (Heidelberg Utd/Alexander)
Reid, Paul (Wollongong Wolves)
Silva, Hilton da (Sydney City/Hakoah)
Smith, Terry (Sydney City/Hakoah)
Spiteri, Joe (Melbourne Knights)
Spyridakos, Terry (Sydney Olympic)
Stergiopoulos, Marcus (Carlton)
Sterjovski, Mile (Sydney United)
Theodorakopoulos, Nick (Sydney Olympic)
Townsend, Danny (Sydney United)
Trimboli, Paul (South Melbourne)
Vieri, Roberto (Marconi)
Yzendoorn, John (South Melbourne)
Watson, Joe (Sydney City/Hakoah)

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Bruce Campbell

TALKING FOOTBALL

THE BIG talking point over the last week has been the choice of venue for Sunday's NSL Grand Final.

While you have to have a touch of sympathy for Wollongong you also have to have a sense of reality and my sense of reality tells me that Wollongong Showground is a DUMP.

OK, I feel for the Wollongong fans that they can't have the big game on their doorstep but again I look at the whole situation with reality—and Parramatta Stadium is just an hour up the road.

It isn't exactly Darwin, after all.

Had the Wolves not been bullied out of Brandon Park to help support a failing rugby league venture then I might have been a bit more sympathetic.

However, I don't believe that the problem lies, in this instance, with Soccer Australia.

After all, their rules are quite clear—so why have the Wolves waited until now to bleat about it, or is that bark?

The game was always going to be held in a capital city.

Personally, I think that THAT rule is wrong.

If a club is good enough to play in the NSL then it is good enough to host a Grand Final.

Again the reality is that only Newcastle and Wollongong are affected.

The other teams are all capital-city based so there is no problem.

It is the rules which need to be challenged, not their application, and certainly not their application at the 12th hour.

All week I have had to listen to the opinion of a host of Wollongong prawn sandwich or shop-a-docket fans.

I wonder where those 'fans' were when the club really needed their support.

In the early part of the season the champions were struggling on crowds of four thousand and they only got realistic when the club started to give away tickets by the truck load, hence the shop-a-docket giveaway campaign.

Now it seems that those fans are put out because they have to travel.

Stuff them.

But why is the Grand Final venue not decided at the start of the year.

I have written many times that I believe it should be put out to tender so that the fans can plan their own season and that the game can generate some real cash.

Maybe the other possibility is to make it two-legged affair.

That way both clubs could host the Grand Final.

Either way is a good compromise, the current system is inadequate.

And the harsh reality, that word again, is that sooner or later Soccer Australia will do just that.

Commonsense, even in football, has a funny way of finally forcing its way to the surface.

I can't believe that no-one else has considered a two legged or franchised Grand Final.

While my mother liked to think her wee boy was some kind of genius, it simply isn't true.

But at the end of the day I AM a fan, and like all fans I see the logical side of the game which isn't always apparent to those in control who do not have period of time served on the terraces or as a player.

In the meantime I look forward to the big game in the knowledge that the press facilities at Parramatta stadium are worthy of such an occasion.

Maybe Wollongong will learn by their costly mistake and bring some pressure to bear on their landlord to sort their own facilities—which aren't good enough for a park game., let alone the most important game of the domestic season.

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Middleby on Grand Final stand-by for Socceroo Chipperfield

By Frank Risorto

ROBBIE Middleby can't wait to play in the Grand Final if the opportunity arises.

Middleby's chances centre a lot around Scott Chipperfield who is away on national team duty.

The chances are that Chipperfield will fly back just for the Grand Final—something that the Wolves are working on a daily basis.

But if Chipperfield doesn't make it back then Middleby will take his spot.

Even though he has played some great football this season at the Wolves, Middleby realises the task ahead of him.

"For me at the moment, Chipperfield is the best player in Australia," says Middleby.

"So it's a big spot to fill in the side but I am ready for the challenge.

"I have played out on the left and like playing further up front but I am not in the team just yet.

"My only problem is that having last week because we qualified first for the Grand Final means I haven't played a competitive game in four weeks.

"So my match fitness may be down a little but over the break I have kept myself in the best possible shape through training."

The break Middleby refers to is his two-match suspension from the last match of the National Soccer League regular season.

"It was a silly send off and it shouldn't have taken place," he says.

"I was very disappointed to miss out on those two Finals games.

"Originally I had planned to go down (to Melbourne) but I would have been just putting myself through hell.

"I had enough trouble watching the first leg in Wollongong so when it was time to go to Melbourne I decided against it and stayed home."

Middleby is still off contract for next season and hasn't been offered a contract by Wollongong as yet but the possibility of moving to another NSL club seems foreign to him.

Despite offers to go back to Germany where he spent two seasons he wants to stay at Wollongong.

"Northern Spirit, Parramatta Power and Perth Glory all made contact with me about next season," said Middleby.

"But the truth is that I don't want to go to another NSL club just for the money.

"I enjoy being here at Wollongong and all the players are a great bunch of guys.

"The main reasoning behind consideration of the Newcastle United offer was that I could go home.

"That's probably the only attraction, that I would be closer to my family.

"I still have a lot of contacts in Germany and I have had a few offers to go back from a few people.

"They don't want me to trial because they already know what I am capable of so that's a big advantage.

"But I am more then happy to stay in Australia and play in the NSL.

"It's still too early to plan for next season and at the moment I just want to concentrate on this Grand Final.

"It's the same with the cancellation of the World Club Championships.

"That will probably sink in after the Grand Final.

"When everybody found out they were ringing around and most of us thought it was a joke.

"It's my first Grand Final so I am pretty excited but also determined to do well.

"So we have to just keep going and put all that in the back of our minds and concentrate on the Grand Final."

Meanwhile departing Socceroo Scott Chipperfield is looking forward to the challenge of the Confederation Cup and hopes it will bring him more exposure in his quest to play in Europe.

"It will be great to play in this tournament and against France who are the best team in the world," says Chipperfield.

"Even although they are missing one or two of their best it will still be a great experience to play against sides like France and Mexico.

"My manager has spoken to a couple of clubs who will have scouts there.

"So hopefully I can get a start or get on and do some good things."

Even though Chipperfield is disappointed to be missing out on the Grand Final there's still a slight chance he could come back for it.

"If we do well in the first two games then I won't be coming back but if we lose both games then I might come back to play in the Grand Final.

"But if we do well you are guaranteed two more games with the semi-final and third place playoff."

LATE NEWS...

Robbie Middleby has signed on a contract next season with Newcastle United according to a *SuperSoccer* source at the club.

United are expected to announce the appointment of Gary van Egmond as assistant coach to Ian Crook sometime this week.

Van Egmond is currently coach of manly Warringah Dolphins in the NSW Super League. *Bruce Campbell*

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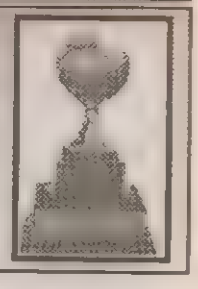

By Frank Risorto

IF David Cervinski plays in this weekend's Grand Final he will make history.

And if Wollongong win the Grand Final then he creates history again.

Cervinski will become the only player in National Soccer League history to play in six Grand Finals and if Wollongong win he will become only the second player to win back-to-back Grand Finals with two different clubs.

Playing six Grand Finals is a massive achievement for any player and Cervinski will now pass five players who have participated in five Grand Finals.

Andrew Marth, Alex Tobin, Joe Watson, Fausto De Amicis and Sergio Melta are the only players to have played five and Cervinski believes luck had a huge part to play.

"I am pretty happy with that," says Cervinski.

"There were a lot of great players who played 200 or 300 NSL games and never got the chance to play in a Grand Final so I have been lucky, but it's something very special."

In his five Grand Finals to date Cervinski has been fortunate enough to win three but for him nothing beats the first time.

"The first one that you ever win really sticks out in your mind," said Cervinski.

"Last year was pretty amazing with Wollongong.

"But really, they are all special.

"In each game there's something that sticks out in your mind or something special that happens.

"Like last year, we were 3-0 down and we came back so there's always been something dramatic happening.

"And now if I play this year and we win it's back-to-back Championships.

"I have done it already with Melbourne Knights and it would be good to do it with Wollongong as well."

David Cervinski's Grand Finals experiences have been all roses and he claims his loss in the 1997/98 Grand Final as the worst.

"I played for Carlton and that game was very disappointing," he said.

"We were 1-0 down, came back to 1-1 and it was a very controversial goal by Boutsianis which won the game.

"I think everyone in Australia realised it was a push in the back except for the referee.

"It would have made a big difference to the club and it was very disappointing to lose like that and the bad refereeing decision cost us the Grand Final."

So who would win in a match between Melbourne Knights of 1994/95 and 96/97 or Wollongong Wolves circa 1999/00.

"I don't know, it would be a very tough game," he says.

"They are both very hard, fighting teams.

"Melbourne Knights was also a very skilful side.

"At Wollongong it's more team-spirit and determination to do well and get across the line each week.

"At the Knights we had a touch of class all over the field with Mark Viduka, Danny Tiatto, my brother Adrian and Joe Spiteri.

"Now seven of that side are now playing overseas and it shows just how good the team was."

Cervinski says there's no secret to playing in Grand Final's - just never give up because anything can happen.

"People say that experience is a big thing but the real thing is that it's on the day, simple as that," Cervinski says.

"All it boils down to is who wants to really win and who wants it more.

"It's always good to get in and settle down and things like that but after that it just seems like a normal game.

"Last year Perth settled very quick and were all over us and we did nothing in the whole first half.

"They were gone in the second half and then we won it.

"So it doesn't matter what happens, you never give up in the 90 minutes, bust your guts and give it all you have got."

GRAND FINAL LIVE ON SEVEN

THE NSL Grand Final will be shown live by the Seven Network in all cities except Sydney.

A decision will be made about broadcasting in Sydney later this week when ticket sales for the game have been monitored.

At the time of going to press it appeared unlikely that the game would be shown live in Sydney or Wollongong.

Soccer Australia had originally rejected the Seven Network offer but intervention from chairman Tony Labbozzetta caused a boardroom re-think.

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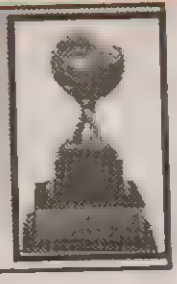

ALL THE RESULTS .....

Major-Semi Final leg 2
South Melbourne 1 (V Coveny 67')
Wollongong Wolves 2 (M Horsley 50', S Petrovski 69')
Major-Semi Final leg 1
Wollongong Wolves 2 (S Petrovski 6', S Young 83' pen)
South Melbourne 1 (C Boutsianis 47')
Round 30
Wollongong Wolves 6 (S Chipperfield 11' 51' 70' 77', R Stanton 27', S Petrovski 83')
Adelaide City Force 2 (S Tunbridge 45', C Pelosi 89' pen)
Round 29
Northern Spirit 0
Wollongong Wolves 4 (M Horsley 45', S Chipperfield 47 (pen), S Petrovski 56', 66')
Round 28
Kingz FC 3 (P Urlovic 45', W Rufer 87' pen 92')
Wollongong Wolves 2 (S Young 13', P Reid 50')
Round 27
Eastern Pride 0 Wollongong Wolves 3 (forfeit)
Round 26
Wollongong Wolves 3
Sydney Olympic 1
Round 25
Sydney United 1
Wollongong Wolves 1
Round 24
Adelaide City Force 1 (Vidmar 27'.)
Wollongong Wolves 1 (Middleby 23'.)
Round 24
Wollongong Wolves 0
South Melbourne 1 (P Trimboli 81')
Round 23
Wollongong Wolves 9 (S Chipperfield 19'/43', S Young 26'/71', P Reid 29', S Petrovski 42'/48'/60', B Blake 55')
Newcastle United 4 (E Masi 49'/86', P Juchniewicz 81', C Mansley 91')
Round 22
Canberra Cosmos 2 (Cortes 82', Angelucci 84.)
Wollongong Wolves 1 (Young 44')
Round 21
Wollongong Wolves 5 (Petrovski 46', 47', 69', Ceccoli 50', og 83')
Parramatta Power 1 (Roodenburg 26'.)
Round 20
Brisbane Strikers 2 (P Dwyer 18', P Buljan 28')
Wollongong Wolves 4 (S Chipperfield 4', S Petrovski 60', P Reid 62', S Young 75')
Round 19
Wollongong Wolves 5 (Young 17', 65', Petrovski 26', 60', Chipperfield 73'.)
Melbourne Knights 2 (Marth 24', Cervinski 75'.)
Round 18
Marconi Stallions 1 (Brownlie 3'.)
Wollongong Wolves 3 (Petrovski 11', 75', Chipperfield 41'.)
Round 16
Perth Glory 1 (Jamie Harnwell 84'.)
Wollongong Wolves 1 (Matt Horsley 50'.)
Round 14
Wollongong Wolves 2 (P Harries 37', S Young 38')
Northern Spirit 2 (B Burgess 27' pen, M Langdon 88')
Round 13
Wollongong Wolves 1 (Young 10' (Pen).)
Kingz FC 1 (Vicelich 57'.)
Round 12
Wollongong Wolves 4 (Chipperfield 5', 63', 73' (pen), Reid 18'.)
Eastern Pride 2 (Roach 37', Watkins 88'.)
Round 11
Sydney Olympic 2 (S Ballie 61', P Kohler 71')
Wollongong Wolves 2 (S Young 21', S Chipperfield 89')
Round 10
Wollongong Wolves 2 (S Petrovski 49', A Ceccoli 80')
Sydney United 0
Round 9
South Melbourne 4 (P Trimboli 27' (pen), A Vlahos 75', G Lozanovski 92', C Boutsianis 95')
Wollongong Wolves 2 (S Chipperfield 25', P Reid 92')
Round 8
Newcastle United 1 (D McBreen 73')
Wollongong Wolves 3 (S Chipperfield 23', R Stanton 28', 48')
Round 7
Wollongong Wolves 2 (D Huxley 16', S Petrovski 86')
Canberra Cosmos 3 (A Castro 46', J Angelucci 64', 66')
Round 6
Parramatta Power 0
Wollongong Wolves 2 (S Petrovski 57', P Reid 78')
Round 5
Wollongong Wolves 2 (S Young 31' pen, 77')
Brisbane Strikers 1 (M Horsley 85'og)
Round 4
Melbourne Knights 1 (T Da Costa 79')
Wollongong Wolves 2 (M Horsley 41', P Reid 42')
Round 3
Wollongong Wolves 1 (M Horsley 85')
Marconi Stallions 0
Round 2
Carlton 0 (A Thompson 30', D Terminello 87')
Wollongong Wolves 3 (S Chipperfield 58', R Stanton 80')
Round 1
Wollongong Wolves 1 (S Young)
Perth Glory 1 (D Mori)

Wollongong Wolves

Likely line-up:

STUART YOUNG SASO PETROVSKI

PAUL REID DAVID HUXLEY GEORGE SOURIS

MATT HORSLEY

ROBBIE MIDDLEBY/ SCOTT CHIPPERFIELD

ALVIN CECCOLI DAVID CERVINSKI

BEN BLAKE

DEAN ANASTASIADIS

BENCH PLAYERS
DANIEL BELTRAME (gk)
MAX NICHOLSON
JAY LUCAS
PAUL O'GRADY
DINO MENNILLO

HEAD COACH: RON CORRY
ASSISTANT: STUART BEEDIE

Dean Anastasiadis
Position: Goalkeeper Date of Birth: 06/06/70
Unexpectedly signed from Carlton in the middle of the season. Great shot stopper but finds corners difficult to hold onto. Just beginning to fit in nicely to the Wollongong way and confidence is on the rise. SuperSoccer rating: (out of 10) 7

Daniel Beltrame
Position: Goalkeeper Date of Birth: 28/12/75
Started the season as number one keeper but dropped after the Brisbane game. He has played a bit part in the Wollongong first team coming in and out of the side but has the confidence to do well if called on. SuperSoccer rating: 5

Ben Blake
Position: Defender Date of Birth: 26/01/76
Very determined and is a great tackler. Played in every game this season and only been booked twice all season. Tends to drop off in concentration towards the end of the game.
SuperSoccer rating: 7.5

Alvin Ceccoli
Position: Left Midfield Date of Birth: 08/05/74
Classy defender who can play in midfield as well. Likes to tackle hard and is a good passer of the ball. Good in the air and has a nice cross and always ready to put through long balls to the attack. SuperSoccer rating: 8

David Cervinski
Position: Stopper Date of Birth: 08/11/70
Tough no-holds barred defender who is playing in sixth Grand Final. Criticised earlier in season for lack of fitness.
Will always put his body on the line and his Finals experience is vital. SuperSoccer rating: 8.5

Scott Chipperfield
Position: Striker Date of Birth: 30/12/75
Wollongong's most valuable player on and off the field. Brilliant dribbler when running with the ball. Already signed with Perth Glory and might not play in Grand Final due to Confederations Cup duties. SuperSoccer rating: 9

Matthew Horsley
Position: Midfield Date of Birth: 09/06/72
The local boy done good just keeps going. Horsley is a fan favourite. He never stops running and making tackles and is a huge inspiration for his team-mates always leading by example. Has scored six goals this season and is closing in on 300th NSL game
SuperSoccer rating: 7

David Huxley
Position: Midfielder/Defender Date of Birth: 16/10/76
Wollongong's best player this season. Missed Grand Final last season and is relishing the chance to play in this season's big game. Does most of the tackling in the Wolves midfield and has a great discipline record. His hard work, lets Paul Reid go forward.
SuperSoccer rating: 8

Jay Lucas
Position: Striker Date of Birth: 14/01/85
New wonder kid on the Australian football scene. Signed with Southampton and is leaving for England at the end of the season. Very quick and has a good first touch and a very bright future.
SuperSoccer rating: 5.5

Dino Mennillo
Position: Midfielder Date of Birth: 22/08/75
Recently signed contract with English club Bradford City. Is keen to go out with another Championship. Very determined player and adds some spice to the midfield. Temperament is worst quality. One of the few Wolves players not scared to shoot from outside the box. SuperSoccer rating: 7

Robert Middleby
Position: Midfield Date of Birth: 09/08/75
Temper can get the best of him sometimes. Very fast down the wings and important to the Wolves style of play. Missed both Major Semi Finals against South Melbourne due to suspension and very keen to win first NSL championship. SuperSoccer rating: 7

Max Nicholson
Position: Midfield Date of Birth: 03/10/71
Still an unknown quantity, came over from Singapore on the advice of fellow Englishman Stuart Young. When on the field goes in hard with every tackle, his temper could be a problem. Nice passer of the ball as shown against Sydney Olympic in brief substitute appearance. SuperSoccer rating: 6

Paul O'Grady
Position: Defender Date of Birth: 06/11/78
O'Grady hasn't started any first team games, only coming off the bench. Has been on the bench for the finals. Very tall defender who will be excellent replacement when Souris or Cervinski call it a day. On the ball very calm and would be looking to make more of an impact on the first team next season.
SuperSoccer rating: 5

Saso Petrovski
Position: Striker Date of Birth: 05/03/75
Last season spent a lot of time coming off bench yet still scored 14 goals. Fantastic finisher in the box, tends to miss easy chances and put away the tough ones. Needs to improve discipline, seems to get unnecessarily booked for careless tackles.
SuperSoccer rating: 7.5

Paul Reid
Position: Midfielder Date of Birth: 06/07/79
Classy midfielder who has great distribution of the ball. Would probably like to have scored more goals this season only seven. His defence tends to let him down. Looking to go overseas in the near future. SuperSoccer rating: 7

George Souris
Position: Defender Date of Birth: 12/11/69
Defender who came out of nowhere to perform consistently well each week over the last two seasons. Good awareness and always willing to make a tackle. Good in the air and an important part of the Wollongong defence. SuperSoccer rating: 7

Robert Stanton
Position: Sweeper/Midfield Date of Birth: 15/04/72
Now playing in his twelfth season. Stanton played every game last season but has only come into the side in the last two months after coming off the bench. He will always do the job.
SuperSoccer rating: 7.5

Stuart Young
Position: Striker Date of Birth: 16/12/72
Arrived from Singapore as an unknown. Has since proved himself in the NSL by scoring 19 goals last season and this season 15. Good in the air and combines well with Saso Petrovski.
SuperSoccer rating: 8.5

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South Melbourne

Likely line-up:

ANDY VLAHOS VAUGHAN COVENY

GORAN LOZANOVSKI

SIMON COLOSIMO PAUL TRIMBOLI CON BOUTSIANIS

FAUSTO DE AMICIS STEVE IOSIFIDIS

ZELJKO SUSA MEHMET DURAKOVIC

MICHAEL PETKOVIC

BENCH PLAYERS
CHRIS JONES (gk)
VAS KALOGERACOS
JOHN ANASTASIADIS
DAVID CLARKSON

HEAD COACH: MIKE PETERSEN
ASSISTANT: JEFF OLVER

Fausto De Amicis
Position: Left back Date of Birth: 26/06/68
Grand Final winner with two different clubs has a wealth of experience and is a vital member of the South Melbourne side. Is set to play in a record making sixth Grand Final. Solid player who rarely makes a mistake.
SuperSoccer rating: (out of 10) 7.5

John Anastasiadis
Position: Striker Date of Birth: 13/08 /68
Talented veteran who will be looking to retire with a Grand Final win. Can score goals from anything and looks his best coming off the bench.
SuperSoccer rating: 6

Con Boutsianis
Position: Midfield Date of Birth: 27/12/71
South Melbourne's best player this season and has put behind him all his off-field dramas of the year to perform brilliantly. Dangerous from free-kicks and is a threat to any side. His killer opening goal in the Preliminary Final was typical Bootsie at his best.
SuperSoccer rating: 9

David Clarkson
Position: Midfield Date of Birth: 1/02/68
Brilliant ball player who has had his career plagued by injuries. His determined play has seen him become a huge South fan favourite. Unlikely to gain a starting spot.
SuperSoccer rating: 6.5

Simon Colosimo
Position: Defender Date of Birth: 8/01/79
Skilful defender who can also play in midfield. Either seems to play a blinder or isn't seen throughout the game. Once the future of Australian football, his career was threatened by an horrific injury against Manchester United. Not quite back to his dazzling best and his season has been disrupted by the Carlton fiasco.
SuperSoccer rating: 7

Vaughan Coveny
Position: Striker Date of Birth: 13/12/71
Tall striker who will raise hell in the box from corners and free kicks. Has an explosive right foot shot and an old Wollongong player. New Zealand international.
SuperSoccer rating: 7.5

Mehmet Durakovic
Position: Defender Date of Birth: 13/10/65
Experienced defender who is still playing as if he were 25. Can get caught out with his lack of speed but rarely gets exposed. His form will be the key to the Grand Final if South hope to win.
SuperSoccer rating: 7.5

Steve Iosifidis
Position: Defender Date of Birth: 28/12/73
Former South junior who is sometimes overshadowed by the many big name players in the side. Safe and dependable if unspectacular. Eagerly chased by Perth Glory earlier in the year
SuperSoccer rating: 7

Chris Jones
Position: Goalkeeper Date of Birth: 10/07/75
Back up keeper to Petkovic and will only feature in the event of injury.
SuperSoccer rating: 5

Vas Kalogeracos
Position: Striker Date of Birth: 21/03/75
Small but fast forward who has an amazing burst of pace from a standing start and an explosive shot to match. Former youth international who has played overseas as well as in the Singapore League with Perth Kangaroos. Has been around a bit but has settled in well at South.
SuperSoccer rating: 7.5

Goran Lozanovski
Position: Midfield Date of Birth: 11/01/74
A potential match winner with an explosive shot and the ability to drill home a dead ball from distance. His pace has suffered fromy a series of injuries and he has also struggled to contain his weight. Favours a position on the right flank but may have to be content with a bench spot.
SuperSoccer rating: 7

Steve Panopoulos
Position: Midfield Date of Birth: 23/06/75
Talented midfielder who is one of South Melbourne's favourite sons, 'Super 7' to his army of fans. Played well in both South's winning Grand Finals. Battling to overcome a hamstring injury in time to be fit for Sunday.
SuperSoccer rating: 7.5

Michael Petkovic
Position: Goalkeeper Date of Birth: 16/07/76
In his second spell at South Melbourne and was a controversial signing by coach Petersen. Has defied many of his critics to have a solid season but has lost some silly goals.
SuperSoccer rating: 7

Zeljko Susa
Position: Midfielder Date of Birth: 13/07/78
Another player from the Canberra Deakin youth production line. Graduate of the Institute of Sport who is set to become one of Australia's best players in a few seasons if he maintains his rapid rate of progress. Also played with Melbourne Knights but looks more at home in Petersen's system. Can also play sweeper and has a long range dig in his arsenal.
SuperSoccer rating: 7.5

Paul Trimboli
Position: Striker Date of Birth: 25/02/69
South Melbourne legend who looked flat in the Finals against Wollongong. Still very dangerous and can't be given too much room on the ball. Surprisingly out of Petersen's plans of late although his second half appearance last Sunday against Olympic added a lot of guile to the Melbourne side. His distribution is without parallel in Australian football and he could be the ingredient to give South a fifth star on their badge—if selected.
SuperSoccer rating: 9

Andy Vlahos
Position: Striker Date of Birth: 20/04/76
Much travelled striker who has played overseas and with several NSL clubs. Scored regularly throughout the season and has fitted in well at South Melbourne on the left hand side. Scored against Wollongong earlier in the season. Takes a lot of dead ball kicks form the left, including the corners. Lack of height more than compensated by technical skills and ability to go past his marker.
SuperSoccer rating: 8

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ALL THE RESULTS .....

Preliminary Final
South Melbourne 2 (Boutsianis, Susa)
Sydney Olympic 1 (Macallister)
Major-Semi Final Leg 2
South Melbourne 2 (V Coveny 67')
Wollongong Wolves 2 (M Horsley 50',S Petrovski 69')
Major-Semi Final Leg 1
Wollongong Wolves 2 (S Petrovski 06', S Young 83' pen)
South Melbourne 1 (C Boutsianis 47'+)
Round 30
South Melbourne 6 (M Cunico Own Goal 56', A Vlahos 29', C Boutsianis 45'/48'/50'/58')
Northern Spirit 2 (A Moreira 10', B Burgess 14')
Round 29
Kingz FC 1(A Silva 11')
South Melbourne 6 (V Kalogeracos 18'/27', A Vlahos 68', S Colosimo 73'/80', Z Susa 84')
Round 28: Bye
Round 27
Sydney Olympic 2 (P Cardozo 51', G Owens Own Goal 8'59')
South Melbourne 2 (V Coveny 54', G Owens Own Goal 8'59')
Round 26
South Melbourne 3 (A Vlahos 06', C Boutsianis 42', V Kalogeracos 46')
Sydney United 1 (C Menapi 25')
Round 25
South Melbourne 1 (J Anastasiadis 69')
Newcastle United 0
Round 24
Wollongong Wolves 0
South Melbourne 1 (P Trimboli 81')
Round 23
South Melbourne 1 (C Boutsianis 79')
Canberra Cosmos 0
Round 22
Parramatta Power 0 South Melbourne 3 (A Vlahos 10'/47'/54')
Round 21
Brisbane Strikers 3 (F Rech 03', J Harris 67')
South Melbourne 2 (P Buljan 83', G Lozanovski 09', P Trimboli 13')
Round 20
Melbourne Knights 4 (A Da Costa 17',A Cervinski 19', J Porter 21', L Lapsansky 54')
South Melbourne 0
Round 19
South Melbourne 6 (B Farah Own Goal 32',P Trimboli 33', V Coveny 66', C Boutsianis 7'/69'/90')
Marconi 1 (S Radulovic 60')
Round 18: Bye
Round 17
South Melbourne 1 (C Boutsianis 56')
Perth Glory 1 (J Harnwell 58')
Round 16
South Melbourne 1 (F De Amicis 47')
Adelaide City 0
Round 15
Northern Spirit 1 (B Burgess 46')
South Melbourne 2 (V Coveny 47', V Kalogeracos 67')
Round 14
South Melbourne 3 (P Trimboli 18' pen, V Kalogeracos 32', V Coveny 76')
Kingz FC 0
Round 13
Eastern Pride 0 South Melbourne 0
Round 12
South Melbourne 1 (V Coveny 12')
Sydney Olympic 0
Round 11
Sydney United 0
South Melbourne 3 (A Vlahos 27', V Coveny 41', Z Susa 78')
Round 10
Newcastle United 0 South Melbourne 0
Round 9
South Melbourne 4 (P Trimboli 27' pen, A Vlahos 75', G Lozanovski 92'+, C Boutsianis 95'+)
Wollongong Wolves 2 (S Chipperfield 25', P Reid 92'+)
Round 8
Canberra Cosmos 1 (B Scott 77')
South Melbourne 3 (V Coveny 17', P Trimboli 70',G Lozanovski 89')
Round 7
South Melbourne 1 (J Anastasiadis 95'+)
Parramatta Power 1 (A Tobin 13')
Round 6
South Melbourne 3 (A Vlahos 39'/66'/71')
Brisbane Strikers 0
Round 5
South Melbourne 4 (P Trimboli 14' pen/32' pen, S Panopoulos 49', C Boutsianis 60')
Melbourne Knights 1 (A Da Costa 85')
Round 4
Marconi Stallions 1 (B Renaud 82')
South Melbourne 1 (P Trimboli 17')
Round 3: Bye
Round 2
Perth Glory 1 (B Despotovski 10')
South Melbourne 0
Round 1
Adelaide City 1 (B Hassell 80')
South Melbourne 3 (A Vlahos 67'/83' V Kalogeracos 90')

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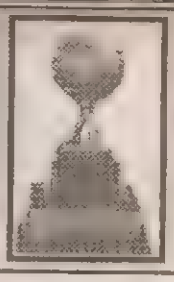

South playmaker looking to his fourth Championship medal

By Bruce Campbell

PAUL Trimboli might consider that in this day and age of carefully scheduled diets and generally improved fitness care that at 32 he is far form the veteran class.

He certainly hasn't considered retiring, which is good news for his club's fanatical Blue & White Army, the legion of supporters which travel the country to watch their idol's deft flicks and controlled passes.

"No, I haven't really thought about it at all," he said.

"I'm happy playing just now.

"I don't really set myself individual targets and instead am happy just to bring success to the club."

Trimboli has been in good personal form this year and has been one of the major ingredients as first-season coach Mike Petersen sets about winning the Victorian side's fifth NSL Championship.

It was some surprise then, that Trimboli hasn't figured so far in Australian coach Frank Farina's plans.

The little master hasn't given up hope that he will be recalled at some stage and he can look back in comfort to the Eddie Thomson era when the-then national coach considered the South playmaker too slow to play for his country.

Later Thomson changed his mind and was to smile on that as Trimboli turned in a series of outstanding performances in the green and gold.

That he didn't get the amount of caps he would have considered a fitting return on his talent might upset a few players, but not the articulate Trimboli.

"No I don't have regrets," he says.

"Being picked for Australia really isn't in your control.

"I'm actually delighted to have played the amount of games I did.

"Everybody would love to play more of everything and win more of everything but I don't really look back with many regrets."

A common failing shared by many players over the years is looking at a starting line-up without your own name in it, and then feeling despondent.

"That can be pretty negative," says Trimboli.

"I've tried not to do that because it can be very destructive.

"I think any player wants to put themselves in every team but it is a game of opinions and it doesn't always pan out that way.

"I think playing for Australia is about your ability and how you can perform a role for the team.

"It is up to the coaching staff but I have never ruled myself out.

"I have looked at the team's which Frank (Farina) has picked and I still haven't ruled myself out.

"If he needs me then I am definitely available.

"But I think that playing well in a successful team is the key to selection.

"A lot of the guys who have been picked are playing with teams at the top of the league.

"I'm lucky that I am playing with one of those teams and hopefully he might see that I am playing well and that I can do a job for him."

Despite that, Frank Farina has yet to ring Trimboli, something which a lot of fans, and not just those with blue and white colours, will find a tad surprising.

To date Trimboli has played in three Grand Finals—all with South Melbourne and all winning occasions.

Championships in 1991, '98 and '99 are personal milestones in a star-studded career.

The fact that South have never actually lost a Grand Final, their other success was a penalty shoot-out win in 1984 over Sydney Olympic, might also be a reason for confidence ahead of the big day.

But Trimboli is the kind of player with his feet on the ground.

He has specially created his own role at the Bob Jane Stadium club, tucking in the hole behind the main strikers.

It is a role that other players have coveted but Trimboli has managed to survive a succession of big name signings, some of whom have left the club without making any impact.

That isn't to say that South have tried to replace him, they haven't, just that other players have seen themselves in his role.

It is common knowledge in the game that one of Trimboli's biggest fans is Marconi chairman Tony Labbozzetta.

The Stallions have a blank cheque waiting for Trimboli should he change his mind about leaving the club where he has become an institution.

It is an offer that Paul Trimboli is not likely to take up, let alone consider.

And as he ponders his fourth Grand Final he can also reflect on some great moments with South Melbourne and Australia.

Asking Trimboli to name his biggest memory as a Socceroo provokes two instances.

"The first was the MCG game against Iran," he recalls.

"I wasn't even in the team but I had been involved in the lead-up games and was in Terry Venables' squad.

"The whole thing was unbelievable.

"The disappointing thing was that it gave you a taste of what it must be like every week in Europe.

"But we didn't get it again.

"And my other memory would be my first game for Australia.

"I came of the bench against Fiji in Newcastle and it turned into a bit of a ruckus that night as well."

That night Trimboli joined the elite group of players who have scored in a full international.

That was in 1988 but in the ensuing five years he only played another six games for Australia.

Thomson played him in a series of non-World Cup matches in 1993 and then in 1995 played him in two games against New Zealand.

Trimboli stood out in those games and from then on in was a virtual walk up start for any Socceroo squad under a succession of coaches, Eddie Thomson, Raul Blanco and Terry Venables.

The Venables era, despite its brevity was intensely high-profile.

The man captured the imagination of a nation and took the Socceroos within a whisker of qualifying, denied by a lunatic who took the opportunity to disrupt the game by swinging on the crossbar, a series of amazing near misses, some naive defending (Milan Ivanovic had been inexplicably dropped) and Iran's amazing ability to score two quick goals.

"Venables did have an amazing aura about him, a very real presence," says Trimboli.

"He had been places and in environments which were big time in the football world so that gave him a level of respect from the players straight away.

"Venables had been involved with big clubs and in big tournaments as well as with international teams."

Is that all in the past?

It is hard to imagine that a player as skilful as Trimboli has a sell-by date.

Certainly the Blue & White Army don't think so.

And Trimboli knows that Farina likes to pick big game players.

The 2001 NSL Grand Final is the biggest game that he will have a chance to play in this year.

And who knows, a fifth star on South's shirt might just pave the way for a Socceroo recall.

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BOLTON BRILLIANT BUT BAILLIE SLIPS

SOUTH MELBOURNE 2
SYDNEY OLYMPIC 0

AUSTRALIAN NSL CHAMPIONSHIP 2001

SOUTH MELBOURNE 2 (Con Boutsianis 23', Zeljko Susa 67')
SYDNEY OLYMPIC 0
Yellow cards: Paul Kohler (SO) 22', Vas Kalogeracos (SM) 23', Ante Juric (SO) 27', Elias Augerinos (SO) 29', Pablo Cardozo (SO) 88'
Venue: Olympic Park
Referee: Brett Hugo
Crowd: 6,664
SOUTH MELBOURNE: Michael Petkovic (gk), Steve Iosifidis, Fausto De Amicis, Mehmet Durakovic, Steve Panopoulos (Paul Trimboli 46'), Vaughan Coveny (John Anastasiadis 82'), Con Boutsianis, Andy Vlahos, Vas Kalogeracos (Goran Lozanovski 65'), Zeljko Susa, Simon Colosimo
SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Clint Bolton (gk), Paul Kohler, Scott Baillie, Ante Juric, Kresimir Marusic (Dylan Macallister 67'), Troy Halpin, George Goutzioulis (Peter Zorbas 78'), Elias Augerinos, Pablo Cardozo, Andrew Packer, Nick Carle (Anthony Doumanis 67')

LEAGUE Premiers, South Melbourne have won their way into the National Soccer League Grand Final, courtesy of a tight 2-0 Preliminary Final win over Sydney Olympic at Melbourne's Olympic Park.

Con Boutsianis capitalised on a terrible defensive error to put the hosts in front at half-time, and midfielder, Zeljko Susa blasted the clincher midway through the second half.

South earned themselves a crack at titleholders Wollongong Wolves at Parramatta next Sunday, but were pushed all the way by Olympic before a disappointing crowd of just 6,664.

Olympic coach Branko Culina summed it up neatly: "I was pretty proud of our players," he said.

"They played good football early on, but the turning point was when we gave the goal away.

"From there we were playing catch-up football.

"You take the goals away and there wasn't much between us."

Culina's South Melbourne counterpart, Micky Petersen didn't disagree.

"It probably wasn't the prettiest game from our perspective," he said.

"But we've bought ourselves a ticket to the Grand Final.

"Our lads deserved that right."

Desperate to inject some pace and life into the front-half – South's most telling weakness against Wollongong last week – Petersen brought Vaughan Coveny and Vas Kalogeracos into the starting line-up in a straight swap for Goran Lozanovski and skipper Paul Trimboli.

After an indifferent start, the game came to life in the 27th minute when the usually-reliable Scott Baillie inexplicably gave possession away deep in defence, cutting the ball inside straight to the unmarked Boutsianis.

Baillie's head dropped and he raised his hands in helpless despair almost the instant the ball left his boot.

Hovering just outside the box, Boutsianis had time and plenty of room to advance, but elected to blast from two steps.

Charging back to cover, Ante Juric reached out with an arm to try to deflect the ball wide, but managed instead to turn it past Clint Bolton into his own net.

From behind the goal, it appeared that Bolton may have had Boutsianis' shot covered.

The hand-ball wasn't missed by referee Brett Hugo, who promptly booked the Olympic captain.

"The ball came across my face and I just put my hand up," said Juric.

"It was reflex.

"I don't know if Bolton would have saved it.

"I'll need to watch the video for that."

Culina was frustrated but philosophical about Baillie's clanger.

"We should shoot him, shouldn't we," he said.

"You make one bad mistake and pay the price.

"That's football.

"It happens."

The goal apart, the first half was an indifferent muddle, light-on for genuine action, and interspersed with a string of bad-tempered scuffles.

Olympic's Pablo Cardozo got away with a retaliatory slap that caught Boutsianis in the face, while Elias Augerinos was booked for a sly kick at Coveny.

Kalogeracos had his name taken for a hefty body check on George Goutzioulis.

Trimboli came on at half-time for Steve Panopoulos, and picked up the tempo immediately.

His touches helped to set up scoring chances for Andy Vlahos and Kalogeracos – both of which were handled brilliantly by Bolton.

But the Olympic keeper was stranded in the 63rd minute when Kalogeracos played provider, slipping the ball into the path of the loping Susa.

Susa's left foot drive from just inside the box struck the near post, only to rebound straight back.

He had time to trap it, and blast low and hard past the diving Bolton.

After the match, Petersen praised his Trimboli for the way he accepted his demotion.

"We have a rotation, a collection of energies. We have an 18 man squad and we thought we'd give it a go," he said.

"Our players have the ability to put personal disappointments aside in the cause of the team, and there's no better exponent than our captain."

Asked who he thought would win next week's Grand Final, Culina said: "I don't give a shit.

"But I'll go and watch it anyway.

"South Melbourne were the best team throughout the season and deserved today."

South's Steve Panopoulos has a hamstring strain and is in doubt for the Grand Final.

Pablo Cardozo: THE Olympic striker was kept under control by South Melbourne

Grand Final thumbs up

PLAYERS and coaches involved in Sunday's national soccer league preliminary final have given the thumbs-up to Soccer Australia's decision today to shift the NSL Grand Final forward to satisfy television demands.

The Grand Final will now kick off at midday on Sunday week, allowing the Seven Network to broadcast the match live.

It's an about-face by Soccer Australia, which originally rejected moving the match from its traditional 3pm Sunday (AEST) timeslot.

Chairman Tony Labbozzetta said Soccer Australia recognised the need to take the grand final, which will be held at Parramatta Stadium, to as many viewers as possible.

"This is a particularly important match in Australia's sporting calendar and it is vital the sporting public is presented with the best possible product," he said.

But Sydney metropolitan television viewers may miss out on the telecast.

Only if the match looks like being a sellout will the match be shown live there.

Wollongong will meet the winner of Sunday's preliminary final, South Melbourne.

South Melbourne coach Mike Petersen said a nationally televised Grand Final was a step in the right direction for a game he felt was is in poor health.

"From a management point of view, it's not ideal for your team," Petersen said.

"But with the state soccer is in at the moment, the overriding concern is that people see the game.

"Something's got to be done and this might be it."

His rival coach for a place in the Grand Final, Sydney Olympic's Branko Culina, agreed.

"I'm all for it," said Culina.

"I just believe in today's commercial world, you've got to be flexible enough to adjust.'

"I'd be delighted to be involved in a televised Grand Final on Sunday midday, midnight, any time."

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ALL THE GRAND FINAL LINE-UPS

FINALS CUP SERIES (1977-1983)
not held 1977/ 81/ 83

1978
Sydney City 4 (Smith 25, Watson 38, Trenter 41, Campbell 44)
Marconi 2 (Ollerton 23, Vieri 61)
Venue: Sydney Sportsground Referee: Don Campbell
Attendance: 9,136
SC: Clarke, Mullen, Trenter, O'Connor, Souness (Kershaw 65), Barnes, Stevenson, Campbell, Smith, Silva, Watson. COACH: Gerry Chaldi
MA: Maher, Selvage (Brogan 60), Russell, Prskalo, Degney, Vieri, Rooney, Jankovics, Mariani, Ollerton, Sharne. COACH: Rale Rasic

1979
1st Leg*
Sydney City 1 (M Silva 78)
Brisbane City 0
Venue: Wentworth Park Referee: K Allan
Attendance: 2,532
SC: Clarke, Mullen, Thomson, O'Connor, Bruce, Stevenson, Kershaw (M Silva 57), Barnes, Souness, A Silva, Watson. COACH: Gerry Chaldi
BC: Wishart, Perry, Coyne, Wilkinson, E Ratcliffe, Pimblett, Echeverria (Brusasco 62, Caldwell 82), Gaffney, Low, Campbell, Kelso. COACH: Nerio Saftich
2nd Leg*
Brisbane City 1 (Kelso)
Sydney City 1 (Trenter)
Perry Park. Att: 4,200
Sydney City won 2-1 on aggregate

1980
Heidelberg 4 (Cole 33, pen 43, 77, Paton 90)
Sydney City 0
Venue: Bruce Stadium Referee: Don Campbell
Attendance: 11,126
HU: Oliver, McMillan, Yzendoorn, Bannon, Tansey, Rooney (Taylor 86), Selemidis, J Campbell, Bozikas, Paton, Cole. COACH: Len McKendry
SC: Clarke, Mullen, O'Connor, Gomez, Bruce, Stevenson, Watson (Patikas 73), Boden, Spanos, Souness (Barnes 65), Trenter. COACH: Eddie Thomson

1982
St George 3 (Marton - 3)
Sydney City 1 (Kosmina)
Venue: Penrith Park Referee: Tony Boskovic
Attendance: 6,145
SG: Greedy, Skeen, Ratcliffe, M O'Shea, R O'Shea, J O'Shea, P Stone, Wilkinson, Slater, MacDougall, Marton. COACH: Frank Arok
SC: Clarke, K Mullen, Robertson, Cant, Bruce, Spanos, Patikas, Barnes, Watson, Kosmina, Mitchell. COACH: Eddie Thomson

GRAND FINAL SERIES (from 1984)
1984
1st Leg*
South Melbourne 2 (Egan 43, 64)
Sydney Olympic 1 (Koussas 5)
Venue: Olympic Park Referee: D Rennie
Attendance: 10,011
SM: Laumets, Russell, Blair, Yzendoorn, Postecoglou, Davidson, Crino, Halford, Murphy, Brown, Egan. COACH: Len McKendry
SO: Meier, Spyridakos, Coady, Jennings, Phillips, Rogers, Raskopoulos, Katholos, Patikas (Kalantzis 35), Koussas Theodorakopoulos 65), Soper. COACH: Manfred Schaefer
2nd Leg*
Sydney Olympic 1 (Theodorakopoulos 34)
South Melbourne 2 (Crino 10, Yzendoorn 18)
Venue: St George Stadium Referee: C Bambridge
Attendance: 11,221
SO: Meier, Spyridakos, Rogers (Koussas 66), Coady, Phillips, Raskopoulos, Katholos, Jennings, Soper, Theodorakopoulos, Kalantzis. COACH: Manfred Schaefer
SM: Laumets, Russell, Blair, Yzendoorn, Postecoglou, Davidson, Crino (Kanesoulis 50), Halford, Murphy, Egan, Brown. COACH: Len McKendry
* South Melbourne won 4-2 on aggregate

1985
1st Leg*
Sydney City 0
Brunswick 1 (Incantalupo 38)
Venue: St George Stadium Referee: Peter Rampley
Attendance: 2,491
SC: Pezzano, Rodrigues (de Marigny 69), Robertson, O'Connor, Cant, Lee, Watson, Barnes - sent off 73, Farina, Kosmina, Mitchell. COACH: Eddie Thomson
BR: Banovic, Durakovic, Dowie, Brown, Campbell, Incantalupo, Petersen, Miranda, Wade, Cullen, Sweeney. COACH: John Margaritis
2nd Leg*
Brunswick 1 (Incantalupo 41)
Sydney City 0
Venue: Olympic Park Referee: Don Campbell
Attendance: 7,560
BR: Banovic, Lewis, Brown, Dowie, Campbell, Wade, Miranda, Petersen, Incantalupo, Cullen (Minichiello 18), Sweeney. COACH: John Margaritis
SC: Pezzano, Rodrigues, Robertson (Falconer 50, Fletcher 70), O'Connor, de Marigny, Watson, Kay, Cant, Lee, Mitchell, Farina. COACH: Eddie Thomson
* Brunswick won 2-0 on aggregate

1986
1st Leg*
Adelaide City 0
Sydney Olympic 1 (Spyridakos)
Venue: Hindmarsh Stadium Referee: Chris Bambridge
Attendance: 12,232
AC: McNally, Shillabeer, Nyskohus, Flounders, Tobin, Santrac (Wilde), Melta, Villani, A Vidmar, Maxwell, Mullen. COACH: Zoran Matic
SO: Meier, Rogers, Spyridakos, Coady, Spanoudakis, Phillips, Raskopoulos, Estavillo, Soper (Stankovic), Zervas, Kalantzis, Patalis. COACH: Manfred Schaefer
2nd Leg*
Sydney Olympic 1 (Johnstone)
Adelaide City 3 (Melta - pen, Villani, Maxwell)
Venue: Parramatta Stadium Referee: Don Campbell
Attendance: 14,032
SO: Meier, Rogers, Coady (Patalis), Stankovic (Zervas), Spanoudakis, Phillips, Raskopoulos, Estavillo, Johnstone, Soper - sent off 63, Kalantzis. COACH: Manfred Schaefer
AC: W McNally,Shillabeer, Nyskohus, Flounders, Tobin, Santrac, Melta, Villani, A Vidmar, Maxwell, Mullen. Subs. P Wilde, G Higgins. COACH: Zoran Matic
* Adelaide City won 3-2 on aggregate

1988
Marconi 2 (Calderan, Nastevski)
Sydney United 2 (Hunter, Lamond)
Marconi won in a penalty shoot out after extra time.
Venue: Parramatta Stadium Referee: Chris Bambridge
Attendance: 17,064
MA: Catlin, Carter, Calderan, Henderson, Colucci (Wheatley 15), Gomez - sent off 65, Gray, Katholos, Nastevski, Farina, Lowe (de Jong 105). COACH: Berti Mariani
SU: Franken, Savor (Foster 91), Jennings, Hunter, Rozic, Clinch, Slater, Jones, Arnold, Petkovic - sent off 63, Lamond (Ingham 115). COACH: Vedran Rozic

1989
Marconi 1 (Nastevski)
Sydney Olympic 0
Venue: Parramatta Stadium Referee: J Reeves
Attendance: 23,387
MA: Catlin, Colucci, de Marigny, Calderan, Wheatley, Gray, McCulloch, Nastevski, de Jong, Katholos, Lowe. COACH: Berti Mariani
SO: Meier, Barrett, Georgakis, Hooker, Haniotis, Koch, Edwards, Polak, Saad, Ironside, Lee. COACH: Eddie Thomson

1990
Marconi 0
Sydney Olympic 2 (Edwards, Ironside)
Venue: Parramatta Stadium
Attendance: 26,352 Marston Medal: Abbas Saad
MA: Catlin, van Egmond, Calderan, Wheatley, de Marigny, Gomez, Gray, McCulloch, Okon, de Jong, Lowe. COACH: Berti Mariani
SO: Gosling, Barrett, Spyridakos, Hooker, Lee, Phillips, Ironside, Refenes, Saad, Edwards. COACH: Mick Hickman

1991
South Melbourne 1* (Palatsides)
Melbourne Knights 1 (A Marth)
* South Melbourne won in a penalty shoot out after extra time
Venue: Olympic Park
Attendance: 23,318 Marston Medal: Joe Biskic
SM: B McLaren, S Blair, D Healey (D Wright, A Postecoglou, P Wade, P Trimboli, M Petersen, P Tsolakis, J Palatsides, K Taliadoros. COACH: Ferenc Puskas

1992
Adelaide City 0*
Melbourne Knights 0
* Adelaide City won in a penalty shoot out after extra time.
Venue: Olympic Park Referee: John McConnell
Attendance: 15,463 Marston Medal: Alex Tobin
AC: Zabica, Shillabeer, T Vidmar, Ivanovic, Tobin, Melta, Tapai, Veart, Mullen, Maxwell, Aloisi. COACH: Zoran Matic
MK: Miller, Donnelly (Silic 70), Talajic, Selemidis, Hannah. Marth, Mori, Biskic (Vanis 106), Davidson, Kelic, Awaritefe. COACH: Kenny Murphy

1993
Marconi 1 (Harper 52 pen)

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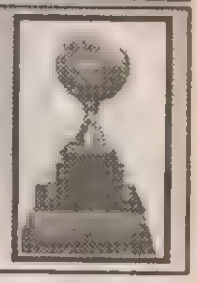

Adelaide City 0
Venue: Parramatta Stadium
Attendance: 13,376 Marston Medal: Milan Ivanovic
MA: Schwarzer, Jolevski, de Marigny, Bingley, Gray, Kuleski (Talay 89), Pelucchi, Taliadoros (Johnson 85), Corica, Harper, van Egmond. COACH: Frank Arok
AC: Zabica, Shillabeer, T Vidmar, Ivanovic, Tobin, Talladira, Mori, Veart, Melta, Maxwell, Mullen (Csoboth 80). COACH: Zoran Matic

1994
Adelaide City (Mori) 1
Melbourne Knights 0
Venue: Olympic Park Referee: Richard Lorenc
Attendance: 13,970 Marston Medal: Alex Tobin
AC: Zabica, Ivanovic, Tobin, T Vidmar, Melta, Mullen, Talladira, Mori, Lozanovski, Hassell, Veart. COACH: Zoran Matic
MK: Miller, D Cervinski, de Amicis, Vanis (Pondeljak 72), Horvat, Marth, Trajcevski, Biskic, A Cervinski, Viduka, Buljubasic (Silic 17). COACH: Mirko Bazic

1995
Melbourne Knights 2 (Marth 36, Spiteri 42)
Adelaide City 0
Venue: Hindmarsh Stadium Referee: Eddie Lennie
Attendance: 15,573 Marston Medal: Steve Horvat
MK: Juric, Buljebasic, di Amicis, D Cervinski, Horvat, Marth, Silic, Marusic (Graganovic 87), Viduka, Spiteri, Pondeljak. COACH: Mirko Bazic
AC: J Petkovic, Melta, T Vidmar, Ivanovic, Tobin, Talladira (Yates 67), Mori, Hassell, Mullen, Lozanovski (J Gibson 43), C Foster. COACH: Zoran Matic

1996
Melbourne Knights 1 (A Cervinski 62)
Marconi Fairfield 0
Venue: Olympic Park Referee: Richard Lorenc
Attendance: 13,970 Marston Medal: Alex Tobin
MK: Miller, D Cervinski, de Amicis, Vanis (Pondeljak 72), Horvat, Marth, Trajcevski, Biskic, A Cervinski, Viduka, Buljebasic (Silic 17). COACH: Mirko Bazic
MA: Catlin, van Egmond (Angelucci 66), Stanton, Bingley, Harper, Hristodoulou, Maloney, Souris, Renaud, Longo, Zoric. COACH: Manfred Schaefer

1997
Brisbane Strikers 2 (Farina 47, Brown 69) Sydney United 0
Venue: Suncorp Stadium Referee: Simon Micallef
Attendance: 40,446 (new Australian all-time club record attendance) Marston Medal: Alan Hunter
BS: Bolton, Gwynne (Bell 88), Hunter, Farina (Tollenaere 80), S Cranney, R Brown, Wright, T Cranney, Hews (Harris 79), Wehrman, Williams. COACH: Frank Farina
SU: Kalac, Trajkovski (J Culina 63), Kupreasak, M Babic, Plesa, Marusic, Moric, Milicic, Genc, Zdrilic, Bilokapic (Rudan 81). COACH: Branko Culina

1998
South Melbourne 2 (Anastasiadis 9, Boutsianis 87)
Carlton 1 (Stergiopoulos)
Venue: Olympic Park Referee: E Brazzale
Attendance: 16000 Marston Medal: F de Amicis
SMEL: M Petkovic, S Iosifidis, F DeAmicis, C Blatsis, D Clarkson, S Panopoulos, P Trimboli, B Damianos, G Lozanovski (V Coveny 74), T Baser, J Anastasiadis (C Boutsianis 85) . COACH: Ange Postecoglous
CARL: D Anastasiadis, R Trajkovski, S Douglas, K Marusic, L Lapsansky, A Vlahos (A Cervinski 65), S Colosimo, J Markovski, D Cervinski (M Stergiopoulos 78), M Atkinson, M Bresciano . COACH: Eddie Krncevic

1999
South Melbourne 3 (Trimboli 53, Anastasladis 63, 87)
Sydney United 2 (Sterjovski 8, Townsend 91)
Venue: Olympic Park Referee: S Micallef
Attendance: 15,194 Marston Medal: G Lozanovski
SMEL: M Petkovic, S Iosifidis, C Blatsis, N Orlic, F De Amicis, G Lozanovski (J Tsekinis 81), D Clarkson, S Panopoulos, P Trimboli (G Goutzioulis 68), M Curcija (J Anastasiadis 63), V Coveny
COACH: Ange Postecoglous
SUTD: M Gibson, R Plesa, J Vrkic, V Kupreasak, M Santalab (D Townsend 68), S Berry, J Burns (W Ardone 88), D Barrett, P Bennett, M Sterjovski, N Day (J Griffiths 64) . COACH: Davie Mitchell

2000
Perth Glory 3 (Despotovski 20, Milicevic 33, Harnwell 42)
Wollongong Wolves 3* (Chipperfield 56, Horsley 69, Reid 89)
*Wollongong won on penalties after sudden death extra time
Venue: Subiaco Oval Referee: Eddie Lennie
Attendance: 43,242 (new Australian all-time club record attendance) Marston Medal: Scott Chipperfield
PRTH: J Petkovic, R Trajkovski, J Harnwell, S Miller (J Afkos 63), T Halpin, A Edwards, S Despotovski (A Schwertz 68), K Wehrman, Junior, I Ergic (G Naven 84), L Milicevic COACH: Bernd Stange
WOLL: L Pogliacomi, A Ceccoli, R Stanton, D Cervinski (G Souris 46), M Horsley, P Reid, S Young, S Chipperfield, N Spencer (M Robertson 46), E Masi (S Petrovski 66), D Mennillo . COACH: Nick Theodorakopoulos

GRAND FINAL GOALS

3: Anastasiadis (South Melbourne), Cole (Heidelberg Utd/ Alexander), Marton (St George)
2: Egan (South Melbourne), Incantalupo (Brunswick), Marth (Melbourne Knights), Nastevski (Marconi), Trenter (Sydney City/ Hakoah)
1: Boutsianis (South Melbourne), Brown, Rod (Brisbane Strikers), Calderan (Marconi), Cervinski, Adrian (Melbourne Knights), Chipperfield (Wollongong Wolves), Crino (South Melbourne), Despotovski (Perth Glory), Edwards (Sydney Olympic), Farina (Brisbane Strikers), Harnwell (Perth Glory), Harper (Marconi), Horsley (Wollongong Wolves), Hunter (Sydney United), Ironside (Sydney Olympic), Johnstone (Sydney Olympic), Kelso (Brisbane City), Kosmina (Sydney City/Hakoah), Koussas (Sydney Olympic), Lamond (Sydney United), Milicevic (Perth Glory), Mori (Adelaide City), Ollerton (Marconi), Palatsides (South Melbourne), Paton (Heidelberg Utd/Alexander), Reid (Wollongong Wolves), Silva (Sydney City/Hakoah), Smith (Sydney City/Hakoah), Spiteri (Melbourne Knights), Spyridakos (Sydney Olympic), Stergiopoulos (Carlton), Sterjovski (Sydney United), Theodorakopoulos (Sydney Olympic), Townsend (Sydney United), Trimboli (South Melbourne), Vieri (Marconi), Yzendoorn (South Melbourne), Watson (Sydney City/Hakoah).
Only Grand Finals which were Championship deciders are included: 1978-80, 82, 84-86, 88-00

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WINTER SUPER LEAGUE (1ST, U21, U18): ROUND 12

Sun 3-Jun	Nineveh Field	3:00PM	1:00PM	11:00AM	Fairfield Bulls	v	Bankstown City Lions
Sun 3-Jun	Arlington Oval	3:00PM	1:00PM	11:00AM	Dulwich Hill	v	Fraser Park Jets
Sun 3-Jun	Rockdale Ilinden	3:00PM	1:00PM	11:00AM	Rockdale City Suns	v	Hurstville City Minotaurs
Sun 3-Jun	Lynwood Park	5:00PM	3:00PM	1:00PM	Macarthur Rams	v	Stanmore Hawks
Sun 3-Jun	Cromer Park	3:00PM	1:00PM	11:00AM	Manly Warringah Dolphins	v	Hajduk Wanderers
Sun 3-Jun	Abruzzi Oval	3:00PM	1:00PM	11:00AM	AC United	v	M.S.C Liverpool

DIVISION ONE (1ST, U21, U18): ROUND 12

Sat 2-Jun	Macedonia Park	3:00 PM	1:00 PM	11:00 AM	Illawarra Lions	v	Mt Pritchard
Sun 3-Jun	Mona Park	3:00 PM	1:00 PM	11.00 AM	Auburn United	v	Hills United
Sun 3-Jun	Blick Oval	3:00 PM	1:00 PM	11.00 AM	Belmore Hercules	v	Greystanes
Sun 3-Jun	Uni Oval No 1	3:00 PM	1:00 PM	11.00 AM	Sydney University	v	Mt Druitt Town Rangers
Sun 3-Jun	Magdala Road Park	3:00 PM	1:00 PM	11.00 AM	Ryde City	v	Bathurst '75
Sun 3-Jun	Hurstville Oval	3:00 PM	1:00 PM	11 00 AM	Hurstville ZSC	v	White City

DIVISION TWO (1ST, U21, U18): ROUND 12

Sat 2-Jun	Birchgrove Oval	3:00 PM	1:00 PM	11.00 AM	Balmain	v	Concord FC
Sun 3-Jun	Mingara Club	3:00 PM	1:00 PM	11.00 AM	Central Coast Lakers	v	Hakoah
Sun 3-Jun	David Phillips Field	3:00 PM	1:00 PM	11:00 AM	University of NSW	v	Nepean Association
Sun 3-Jun	Pratten Park	3:00 PM	1:00 PM	11:00 AM	Petersham Sydney District	v	Western Sydney Lions
Sun 3-Jun	Eric Primrose Res	3:00 PM	1:00 PM	11.00 AM	Parramatta City	v	Camden Tigers
Sun 3-Jun	Calabria Sports Grd	3:00 PM	1:00 PM	11:00 AM	Western Rage	v	The Wanderers

DIVISION THREE (1ST, RESERVES): ROUND 11

Sun 3-Jun	William Lawson	3:00 PM	1:00 PM		Prospect United	v	Colo Colo
Sat 2-Jun	David Phillips Res	3:00 PM	1:00 PM		Trasandinos	v	Auburn Star
Sun 3-Jun	Ernie Smith Oval	3:00 PM	1:00 PM		Liverpool City	v	Springwood
					Kellyville Kolts		(Bye)
Sun 3-Jun	Beamen Park	3:00 PM	1:00 PM		United Eagles	v	Hawkesbury City
Sun 3-Jun	Camdenvill Oval	3:00 PM	1:00 PM		Sydney Crescent Star	v	Granville Greenisland

DIVISION FOUR (1ST, RESERVES): ROUND 11

Sun 3-Jun	Alpha Road Park	3.00 pm	1.00 pm		Sporting SCC	v	Inter Lions
Sat 2-Jun	CSI Club	6.00 pm	4.00 pm		Schofields Scorpions	v	Liverpool Olympic
					UTS	v	(Bye)
Sat 2-Jun	Jardine Park	3.00 pm	1.00 pm		Bossy	v	Gladesville United
Sun 3-Jun	Lithgow Greyhound	3.00 pm	1.00 pm		Lithgow Workmen	v	Western Sydney Passion
Sun 3-Jun	Chopin Park	3.00 pm	1.00 pm		Kosciusko	v	Fairfield City

WOMEN'S SUPER LEAGUE (1ST, U21): ROUND 11

Sat 2-Jun	Cromer Park	6.00 pm	4.00 pm		Manly Warringah Dolphins	v	Central Coast Lakers
Sun 3-Jun	Brandon Park	3.00 pm	1.00 pm		Wollongong Wolves	v	Hajduk Wanderers
Sun 3-Jun	Seymour Shaw	3.00 pm	1.00 pm		Sutherland Sharks	v	Marconi
Sun 3-Jun	Morrison Bay 2	3.00 pm	1.00 pm		North West Sydney Koalas	v	Nepean Association
Sun 3-Jun	Valentine Park	3.00 pm	1.00 pm		NSW Academy	v	NNSW Academy

WOMEN'S STATE LEAGUE (1ST, U19): ROUND 13

					Bathurst City Panthers	v	(Bye)
Sun 3-Jun	UWS Campbelltown	3.00 pm	1.00 pm		UWS Wolves Campbelltown	v	Coasties
Sun 3-Jun	UTS Campus Lind	3.00 pm	1.00 pm		UTS	v	The Ravens
Sun 3-Jun	St George Stadium	3.00 pm	1.00 pm		St George Association	v	Granville Association
Sun 3-Jun	Bennett Park	3.00 pm	1.00 pm		Roselands Raptors	v	Inter Lions/CSI
Sun 3-Jun	Flockhart Park	3.00 pm	1.00 pm		Petersham Sydney District	v	Macarthur Rams

GIRL'S YOUTH LEAGUE (U16, U14): ROUND 11

Sun 3-Jun	Francis Park	2.00pm	12.30pm		Blacktown	v	Southern Branch
Sun 3-Jun	Club Marconi 2	11.15am	10.00am		Marconi	v	Manly Warringah
					Nepean		Bye
					Bye		Ku-Ring-Gai
					Macarthur Rams		Bye
Sun 3-Jun	Hajduk Stadium	2.00PM	12.30PM		Hajduk Wanderers	v	Central Coast Coasties
Sun 3-Jun	Brandon Park 2	11.15am	10.00am		Wollongong Wolves	v	Campbelltown Macarthur
Sun 3-Jun	Peakhurst 5	11.15am	10.00am		Bye	v	Sutherland
Fri 1-Jun	Jensen Park	8.15pm	7.00pm		Bankstown	v	North West Sydney GYL

SUPER YOUTH LEAGUE (U13, U14, U15, U17): ROUND 12

Sat 2-Jun	Cromer Park	9:00 AM	10:15 AM	11:45 AM	1:15 PM	Manly Warringah Dolphins	v	Wollongong Wolves
Sat 2-Jun	Macquarie Field	10:00 AM	11:30 AM	1:00 PM	2:45 PM	Newcastle United	v	Blacktown City Demons
Sat 2-Jun	Sydney Utd	10:00 AM	11:30 AM	1:00 PM	2:45 PM	Sydney United	v	St George
Sat 2-Jun	Melita Stadium	10:00 AM	11:30 AM	1:00 PM	2:45 PM	Parramatta Eagles	v	Eastern Suburbs Wanderers
Sat 2-Jun	Lynwood Park	11:30 AM	1:00 PM	2:30 PM	4:15 PM	Macarthur Rams	v	Penrith Panthers
Sat 2-Jun	Lambert Park	11:30 AM	1:00 PM	2:30 PM	4:15 PM	Leichhardt Tigers	v	Fairfield Bulls
Sat 2-Jun	Marconi No 2	11:30 AM	1:00 PM	2:30 PM	4:15 PM	Marconi Stallions	v	Bankstown City Cubs
Sat 2-Jun	Marrickville Oval	11:30 AM	1:00 PM	2:30 PM	4:15 PM	Canterbury Marrickville	v	Northern Spirit
Sat 2-Jun	Potts Park	11:30 AM	1:00 PM	2:30 PM	4:15 PM	Sydney Olympic	v	Central Coast Coasties
Sat 2-Jun	Seymour Shaw	11:30 AM	1:00 PM	2:30 PM	4:15 PM	Sutherland Shire	v	Bonnyrigg White Eagles

SUPER CADET LEAGUE (U11, U12): ROUND 12

Sat 2-Jun	Lambert Park	9:00 AM	10:15 AM		Leichhardt Tigers	v	Fairfield Bulls
Sat 2-Jun	Marconi No 2	9:00 AM	10:15 AM		Marconi Stallions	v	Bankstown City Cubs
Sat 2-Jun	Marrickville Oval	9:00 AM	10:15 AM		Canterbury Marrickville	v	Northern Spirit
Sat 2-Jun	Potts Park	9:00 AM	10:15 AM		Sydney Olympic	v	Central Coast Coasties
Sat 2-Jun	Seymour Shaw	9:00 AM	10:15 AM		Sutherland Shire	v	Bonnyrigg White Eagles
Sat 2-Jun	Lynwood Park	9:00 AM	10:15 AM		Macarthur Rams	v	Penrith Panthers
Sun 3-Jun	Melita Stadium	10:00 AM	11:00 AM		Parramatta Eagles	v	Eastern Suburbs Wanderers
Sun 3-Jun	Allambie Reserve	10:00 AM	11:00 AM		Sydney United	v	St George
Sun 3-Jun	Cromer Park	10:00 AM	11:30 AM		Manly Warringah Dolphins	v	Wollongong Wolves
					Blacktown City Demons		Bye

DIVISION ONE YOUTH (U13, U14, U15, U16): ROUND 12

Sat 2-Jun	Cook Park St Marys	10:00 AM	11:30 AM	1:00 PM	2:45 PM	Nepean Association	v	Ryde City
Sat 2-Jun	Francis Park	10:00 AM	11:30 AM	1:00 PM	2:45 PM	Blacktown Association	v	AC United
Sat 2-Jun	Parklands Oval	10:00 AM	11:30 AM	1:00 PM	2:45 PM	Ku-Ring-Gai Association	v	Mt Pritchard
Sat 2-Jun	Mingara Club	10:00 AM	11:30 AM	1:00 PM	2:45 PM	Central Coast Lakers	v	Illawarra Lions
Sat 2-Jun	Pratten Park	10:00 AM	11:30 AM	1:00 PM	2:45 PM	Stanmore Hawks	v	Hills United
Sat 2-Jun	Hajduk Stadium	10:00 AM	11:30 AM	1:00 PM	2:45 PM	Hajduk Wanderers	v	Southern Branch

DIVISION ONE CADETS (U11, U12): ROUND 12

Sun 3-Jun	Magdala Oval	8:45 AM	9:45 AM		Ryde City	v	AC United
Sun 3-Jun	Eric Primrose Reserve	8:45 AM	9:45 AM		Parramatta City	v	Central Coast Lakers
Sun 3-Jun	Fred Caterson Reserve	10:00 AM	11:00 AM		Hills United	v	Mt Pritchard
Sun 3-Jun	Hammondville Park	10:00 AM	11:00 AM		MSC Liverpool	v	Hurstville City Minotaurs
Sun 3-Jun	Hajduk Stadium	10:00 AM	11:00 AM		Hajduk Wanderers	v	Hawkesbury City
Sun 3-Jun	Ron Dine Reserve	10:00 AM	11:00 AM		Camden Tigers	v	Schofields Scorpions
Sun 3-Jun	Popondetta Park	10:00 AM	11:00 AM		Mt Druitt Town Rangers	v	Rockdale City Suns
Sun 3-Jun	Macedonia Field	10:00 AM	11:00 AM		Illawarra Lions	v	Stanmore Hawks

DIVISION TWO YOUTH (U13, U14, U15, U16): ROUND 11

Sat 2-Jun	Rockdale Ilinden	10:00 AM	11:30 AM	1:00 PM	2:45 PM	Rockdale City	v	Schofield Scorpions
Sat 2-Jun	Hurstville Oval	10:00 AM	11:30 AM	1:00 PM	2:45 PM	Hurstville City Minatours	v	Parramatta City
Sat 2-Jun	Popondetta Park	10:00 AM	11:30 AM	1:00 PM	2:45 PM	Mt Druitt Town	v	Hawkesbury City
Sat 2-Jun	Hammondville Park	10:00 AM	11:30 AM	1:00 PM	2:45 PM	MSC Liverpool	v	Granville Association

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SUPER SOCCER'S EURO BIG MATCH REPORT

Bayern crowned European champions after 25-year wait

By Mike Collett

BAYERN MUNICH 1
VALENCIA 1

BAYERN Munich have won the European Cup for the first time since 1976 when they defeated Valencia 5-4 on penalties after the Champions League final ended in a 1-1 draw at the San Siro stadium.

Bayern's hero in the shoot-out was goalkeeper Oliver Kahn who made three outstanding saves including the decisive one from Valencia defender Maurico Pellegrino on the 14th spot kick.

The Spanish side, who went ahead in the third minute from one of three penalties awarded in the first 50 minutes of the game on Wednesday, were beaten in the final for the second successive year.

They have yet to win European club soccer's biggest trophy while Bayern have now won it four times.

Bayern, beaten by two injury goals in the 1999 final by Manchester United, came from behind in both regulation time and the shoot-out and just about deserved their victory in a physical, scrappy match.

The German champions dominated long periods of a game that started explosively with two penalties in the opening six minutes, but gradually petered out into a lame draw enlivened by the occasional scoring opportunity.

Valencia skipper Gaizka Mendieta put Valencia ahead in the third minute of the match after Bayern's Swedish international defender Patrick Andersson handled in his own penalty area after a melee created by a powerful run and cross from John Carew.

Despite protests by the Bayern players that Mendieta's shot hit Andersson's arm while he was on the ground, Dutch referee Dick Jol was in no doubt and Mendieta swept Valencia ahead.

Bayern spurned a golden opportunity to level after just six minutes when Jol awarded them a penalty after Valencia defender Jocelyn Angloma sent Bayern skipper Stefan Effenberg sprawling with a clumsy challenge inside the Valencia box.

But Mehmet Scholl's spot-kick lacked pace and accuracy, allowing goalkeeper Santiago Canizares to save with his legs and send the ball ballooning over the bar to safety.

The third penalty of the game came after halftime when Amedeo Carboni handled an Elber cross in front of his own goal.

He claimed he was pushed by Carsten Jancker, who had come on as a halftime substitute for Willy Sagnol, but Effenberg made no mistake from the spot to pull Bayern level.

With no further goals the match became the first final to be decided on penalties since 1996 and the sixth in the competition's history.

Hasan Salihamidzic, Alexander Zickler, Effenberg, Bixente Lizarazu and Thomas Linke all scored for Bayern, while Paulo Sergio and Andersson missed.

Gaixka Mendieta, John Carew, Ruben Baraja, and Kily Gonzalez scored for Valencia while Zlatko Zahovic, Amedeo Carboni and ultimately Pelligrino all missed.

Champions League Final

Bayern Munich 1 (Stefan Effenberg 51pen) Valencia 1(Gaizko Mendieta 3pen)
Venue: San Siro stadium
Referee: Dick Jol (Netherlands)
Halftime: 0-1; 90 minutes: 1-1; 120 minutes 1-1
Attendance: 80,000
Bayern Munich: 1-Oliver Kahn; 2-Willy Sagnol (19-Carsten Jancker 46), 4-Samuel Kuffour, 5-Patrik Andersson, 25-Thomas Linke, 3-Bixente Lizarazu; 23-Owen Hargreaves, 11-Stefan Effenberg; 20-Hasan Salihamidzic, 7-Mehmet Scholl (13-Paulo Sergio 108), 9-Giovane Elber (21-Alexander Zickler 100)
Valencia: 1-Santiago Canizares; 20-Jocelyn Angloma, 12-Fabian Ayala (5-Miroslav Djukic 90), 2-Mauricio Pellegrino, 15-Amedeo Carboni; 19-Ruben Baraja, 6-Gaizko Mendieta, 18-Kily Gonzalez; 35-Pablo Cesar Aimar (23-David Albelda 46), 17-Juan Sanchez (8-Zlatko Zahovic 66), 7-John Carew

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YOUTH LEAGUE with Laki Konistis

SUTHERLAND SHARKS CIRCLE THE SAINTS

This week we traveled to the all-important Pepsi Super Youth and Cadet League clashes between the Sutherland Sharks and St. George Saints at St. George Stadium.

Sutherland, this week's profiled club, have been going well so far in 2001 and were hoping to advance their good standing on the Combined Youth & Cadet League table.

UNDER 11s: Sutherland's youngest side were eager to get on the park again and erase the 4-0 loss incurred from the previous week at the hands of the Northern Spirit, but their opponents were coming into this opening encounter with solid form of their own - a 5-0 demolition of Bonnyrigg.

And the good form continued when Saints' player D. Buchanan opened the scoring in the 12th minute to have his team lead at the break 1-0.

To their credit the Sharks applied the pressure in search of an equaliser but that man Buchanan scored again for a final 2-0 scoreline in favour of the visitors.

Players to watch out for from a future point of view for Sutherland are goalkeeper Chris Morris and Troy Ruthven.

UNDER 12s: The other Cadet League encounter always promised to be an intriguing game as both sides looked evenly matched - with strong attacking capabilities and especially sound defences.

In a very even game it was Sutherland striker Luke Colella, whose goal in the 44th minute, ensured a final 1-0 scoreline for Sutherland.

Players to look out for from Sutherland are Nathan Elasi and midfielder Mitchell Lawrence.

UNDER 13s: The Sharks, even though they were trounced 5-2 by the Northern Spirit last weekend still remained favourites for this clash - primarily because St. George has had problems with its defence and have notched just the one win so far in 2001.

Luck was not with the Sharks in this clash however, not only hitting the bar in the opening minute through Shane Knott but also missing a 25th minute penalty which was saved brilliantly by Saints keeper N. Spanos as both sides played out a 0-0 draw.

Players to look out for for Sutherland are Jay Sellenburg and midfielder Brendan Gan.

UNDER 14s: Sutherland's 14s had the 'pleasure' of ending the Spirit's undefeated run last week and must surely have been confident coming up against an opponent that has conceded 46 goals in ten games played so far.

But to the visitor's credit, they matched the Sharks in every aspect and, bearing in mind they were losing 1-0 at half time through a penalty converted by Matthew Smith, the Saints did equalise in the second half for a final 1-1 scoreline

Apart from the goalscorer Matthew Smith, keeper Tim

Jones is also showing promise for the Sharks.

UNDER 15s: This clash also looked to be an even contest on paper as both sides were currently placed mid-table and separated by just two points.

But with both sides finding it difficult to find the back of the net so far in 2001 goals were always going to be at a premium.

And again the form proved true with Sutherland scoring the only goal in the game in the 32nd minute through Nick Lenton.

Sutherland's Matthew Lamond again played well and is one to watch from a future viewpoint.

UNDER 17s: Another close encounter must surely have been expected here as both clubs were on 13pts and also placed mid-table.

It was St.George who scored first with a breakaway goal from W. Hijazi in the 15th minute - a lead they hung onto going into the break.

Shortly after the resumption however the scores were again level as Danny Wilson netted for the Sharks.

In the 74th minute the Sharks went to a 2-1 lead from a well-taken goal by William Lekkas, but the Saints were not finished just yet.

In the dying stages, A. Toseski scored from a well executed Saints corner to ensure the spoils were shared by both clubs.

SUPER SOCCER'S YOUTH LEAGUE BIG MATCH REPORT

Teodosiou mesmerises City

By David Lowndes

BLACKTOWN CITY U15 1
MARCONI STALLIONS U15 5

IN A replay of last year's Under 14 Grand Final, Marconi Stallions defeated Blacktown City Demons 5-1 in a surprisingly one sided affair at the Gabbie Stadium.

The match began at a cracking pace with Stallions striker Theodosiou making the first of what would be many runs into the home side's penalty area only for the Blacktown defence to clear the ball at the last moment.

They failed to clear moments later when Theodosiou made a run to the goal line and cut the ball back in behind the City defence for Mourinho to gain possession and blast the ball home from close range to give the visitors a very early 1-0 lead.

Two minutes later the visitors were at it again when Mourinho blasted home from 6 metres, a clinical finish that gave the keeper no chance.

A stunned home crowd could not believe what was unfolding before them and in the 9th minute any hope of a comeback was shot out the door when Mourinho grabbed his and the visitor's third goal when he made an angled run into the penalty area from the left and his cracking shot took a deflection off a City defender and into the back of the net.

The game continued to be played at a fast pace although frustrations were beginning to creep into the game from the home side with Blacktown midfielder Storey being cautioned midway through the first half.

Blacktown continued to battle hard and as the half wore on became more competitive in midfield.

Their first real chance came on 24 minutes when Mansueto blasted over the crossbar after good lead up work by Storey.

At the other end of the field the visitors were continuing to create chances with Theodosiou mesmerizing the City defense with his silky skills however several shots on goal went just wide.

The match had a controversial moment in the 29th minute when Theodosiou was awarded a penalty after being brought down inside the box in what looked to be only very minimal contact at best.

Defender Bevilacqua calmly put away the penalty leaving a half time score of 4-0 to the visitors.

Blacktown came out after the break hoping to at least put some respectability back into the score and made a couple of early inroads into the visitors area however the final cross or pass was dealt with easily by the Stallions.

The Demons continually switched play across the park but could not unsettle the rock solid Marconi defence led by Carioti.

With the Demons throwing players forward in the hope of pulling back a goal Marconi notched up their fifth goal in the 46th minute.

An unmarked Stivala on the right wing kept a pass from going over the goal line wide out and with plenty of time sent in a nice low cross to the ever present Theodosiou who met the ball on the run to drive home his shot from 5 metres and register a thoroughly deserved goal.

Blacktown finally troubled the scorers with a couple of minutes to go when Tannous made a dash down the right hand side and then crossed into the 6 yard box to find the hardworking Sarshar who rose above everyone else to head the ball home.

The home side almost got a second a minute from the end when replacement Woolacott fired on goal only to be denied by a wonderful save from Papadakis.

This was a convincing win by Marconi who cemented their position at the top of the table.

Best players for Marconi were Theodosiou, Carioti, Stivala and De Marco while for Blacktown Pasqualin, Littlebury, Mansueto and Tannous battled well.

NSW Super Youth League Under 15
Blacktown City Demons 1 (Sarshar 67m) Marconi Stallions 5 (Mourinho 1m,3m,9m, Bevilacqua pen 29m, Theodosiou 46m)
Ground: Gabbie Stadium
Referee: Bryan McColl
Blacktown City Demons: Pannecasio, Pasqualin, Fernandez (Baveas 51m), Littlebury, Tannous, Hart (Viera 55m), Storey (Kontons 36m), Lazarou, Martino (Woolacott 55m), Mansueto, Sarshar,
Cautions: Storey 13m
Marconi Stallions: Papadakis, McKenzie, Pizzolato (Baker 51m), Carioti, Bevilacqua (Onyewueny 49m), Minic, Stivala, De Marco, Mourinho, Theodosiou (Huseyin 55m), Duffell (Burns 39m), Cautions: Carioti 55m

WEBB SEALS VICTORY FOR THE RAMS

By Robert Szoszkiewicz

BONNYRIGG WHITE EAGLES U11s 0
MACARTHUR RAMS U11s 4

A SOLID all-round performance by MacArthur saw them remain in touch with the lead group following a commanding 4-0 victory over bottom placed Bonnyrigg.

The match started in a blaze of glory for the Rams, who had registered just one goal in their last three outings.

After only 45 seconds, Kenny Ross found an unmarked Brendon Gadd in front of goal, who tapped in to open the scoring.

A minute later it could have been two after Ross again provided an opportunity, but his cross defied everybody as it rolled across the face of goal.

In the 5th minute, the home side had their best chance of the match to score when a Novich Ilic shot bounced down off the crossbar before being picked up by Michael Rutherford precariously close to the goal line, much to the disappointment of the White Eagles players and supporters.

Moments after the scare, the visitors were on the attack again with Jessie Litwinczuk setting up Scott Fairbairn to score and extend the lead to two-nil.

MacArthur continued to dominate play and were unlucky not to go further ahead with Fairbairn and Ryan Hughes going close to scoring, and Troy Valentiner hitting the post right on the stroke of half time.

The second term saw the Rams on the attack early and rewarded after two minutes with their third goal.

Steve Pleskun completed a great solo effort by stealing the ball from the Bonnyrigg defence then rounding the stranded keeper to score.

The rout ended when Tim Webb slotted his team's fourth goal after some good lead up play down the right flank by Ross.

After the game, victorious coach Robert Berger said he was pleased with his team's efforts and heaped praise for the commitment of his young squad.

"I am very happy with the performance," Berger said.

"They are a great bunch of kids to work with."

Super Cadet League Under 11s
Bonnyrigg White Eagles 0
MacArthur Rams 4 (Gadd 1, Fairbairn 7, Pleskun 27, Webb 31)
Ground: Serbian Centre
Referee: Paul Falzon

Bonnyrigg White Eagles: Vujosevic, Seva, Erceg, Ilic, Maslovaric, Draca, Williams, Peck, Pozder, Calic, James Substitutes: Maric, Meakin, Ozegovic, Samardzic
Cautions: Nil
MacArthur Rams: Rutherford, Durrant, Fairbairn, Gadd, Hughes, Langer, Litwinczuk, Ross, Newman, Pleskun, Wakefield Substitutes: Valentiner, Mathwin, Webb
Cautions: Nil

Falchi rams double against White Eagles

BONNYRIGG WHITE EAGLES U12s 0
MACARTHUR RAMS U12s 2

By Robert Szoszkiewicz

TWO GOALS goals in two minutes were enough to give MacArthur a gritty 2-0 victory and three competition points at the expense of Bonnyrigg.

It wasn't until the 12th minute that either side threatened to score.

Rams forward Nathan Agbinya created the first chance, but his shot from the edge of the box hit the post.

Three minutes later it was Ellul's turn, with his strike on goal also collecting the woodwork after a timely cross by Agbinya.

Finally in the 18th minute, it was third time lucky for the Rams.

Robert Flachi collected another Agbinya cross, and although his shot too caught the crossbar, it did cross the goal line.

Two minutes later and Flachi had his second. Agbinya broke through in counter attack with his ensuing shot parried away by Daniel Gaibisso into the path of Flachi who calmly slotted the ball away to set up a 2-0 advantage, which MacArthur took to the break.

After the resumption of play, MacArthur looked like adding to their score but Falchi and Tim Sullivan both narrowly missed with shots, while Agbinya was denied by some astute keeping from Gaibisso.

Gaibisso was again called into play stopping Litwinczuk's shot after clever one touch passing by O'Keefe and David Zammit.

Despite further anxious moments by both sides, the second half failed to yield a goal, the Rams winning 2-0.

After the match, Bonnyrigg manager, Wayne Dewberry explained his side's mom-entary lapse in defence.

"It was an even game in possession," he said.

"Their (Macarthur's) goals were scored within a period of five minutes, and the game was lost in that period."

Meanwhile, Rams coach Rob Falchi summed up the match as being a good, fair and tough game.

He did raise some concern over yellow card incidents aginst Nathan Agbinya. Falchi.

Falchi added: "Nathan has been clubbed four or five times this year.

"If he deserves it, okay, but like today it's often for nothing. His size appears to be a factor."

Super Cadet League Under 12s
Bonnyrigg White Eagles 0
MacArthur Rams 2 (Falchi 18, 20)
Ground: Serbian Centre
Referee: Paul Falzon
Bonnyrigg White Eagles: Gaibisso, Strahinjic, Grima, Howard, Kleut, Tamburic, Aguilera, Dewberry, Foti, Lopreiato, Cutri
Substitutes: Kodor, Miladinovic, Milinkovic
Cautions: Nil
MacArthur Rams: Berger, Morley, Bolan, Hugget, Durrant, Brown, Zammit, Ellul, Litwinczuk, Falchi, Agbinya
Substitutes: Ranftl, O'Keefe, Sullivan
Cautions: Agbinya 48

SUPER SOCCER'S NSW STATE BIG MATCH REPORT

Player revolt leaves Auburn stranded

By Greg Stock

AUBURN UNITED 0
GREYSTANES 2

AUBURN United's dismal start to season 2001 continued with yet another loss, this time to fellow strugglers Greystanes at Mona Park.

After a midweek player revolt which left the club with just three first grade players, acting coach Dee Agostino assembled a vastly undermanned side, who were competitive throughout, but little more.

In a dour first half neither side was able to capitalise on a number of chances with cheap turnovers and poor finishing the order of the day.

Both sides were to blame with the small crowd on hand groaning and moaning their way through forty five minutes of dull and uninteresting football.

While the second half was not much better, it did produce two moments of inspiration, as Greystanes capitalised on some poor defending to take control of the game.

The first goal was a simple effort in the 69th minute.

Brad Racker burst clear down the left hand touchline and fired in a cross to the larger than life Andy Kidd waiting unmarked at the back post.

Kidd was able to knock the ball down past a stranded Phillip Simnett in the Auburn goal and it was 1-0.

With just four minutes of time left, Greystanes made sure of the win when their best player by a mile, Scott Cumming was able to beat Simnett at the near post with a shot, after good lead-up work and a cross, again from Racker.

Apart from the two goals there was little to encourage the supporters of both sides.

Greystanes inability to respect their possession and to waste opportunities is foremost on the mind of coach Mark Crittenden who still feels his side can improve.

"We kept them in the game today with poor finishing," said Crittenden.

"I'm relieved we got the win, especially after we bombed so many chances in the first half.

"I told them at halftime to get the ball wide and they did in the second half and that is exactly how we got our goals."

For besieged Auburn coach Dee Agostino, there was one bright spot for the game and that was the form of Auburn goalkeeper Phillip Simnett.

A former Mount Druitt Town junior, Simnett is definitely one for the future and is well worth noting in that little black book.

"Phillip had a good game and without him Greystanes could have scored a few more," said Agostino. "He has been terrific since we have lost Haydar Arslan and is improving with every match."

While Auburn is still looking for their first win of season 2001, there is some light at the end of a very dark tunnel.

"The club is looking to recruit some first grade players over the next few weeks, so we'll keep battling away and await some reinforcements," concluded Agostino.

Auburn United 0
Greystanes 2 (Kidd 69' Cumming 86')
Venue: Mona Park, Auburn.
Auburn United : Phillip Simnett, Okan Tufonoglu (Ozan Tufonoglou 53'), Ahmed Melik Ozel, Gurdal Ozcan, Mustafa Kadayifci, Steve Burgis, Mathew Hayes, Dalmazio Agostino, Armando Crollini, Peter Dionisopoulos, David Gierke; Coach : Dalmazio Agostino.
Greystanes : David Apps, Andy Kidd, Michael Grass, Jeff Summers, Steve Sterritt, Todd Harper, Scott Cumming, Steve Crawhal (Stewart McAlister 80'), Steve Connelly (Matt Hendry 53'), Brad Racker, Daniel Birrane (Adam Lipscombe 66'); Coach : Mark Crittenden.

Bovstani clinches Lions win

By Andrew Aiton

UNI OF NSW 1
WESTERN SYDNEY LIONS 2

WESTERN Sydney Lions ground out a narrow victory against a lethargic University of NSW at David Phillips Field on Sunday.

Lions were missing their leading goal scorers - Eddie Adam who is in the Middle East for 12 weeks and Yousif Assak who is out injured.

Lions Coach Michael Mamoo was also missing Roy Sharma who has returned to play in Fiji for six weeks.

Uni too had their injuries and were missing Michael O'Hara, who is usually a driving force in mid field and Jamie Jackson with a broken toe.

The match started late with only two officials, which is disappointing for 1st grade players where offside decisions can be critical.

Both teams started off slowly with Uni having the first real opportunity in the 4th minute when a miss-kick by Lion's John Kouriel allowed Nicholas Kodomichalos in, only to see his shot bouncing off the post.

But it was the Lions who opened the scoring five minutes later when a long accurate pass from Danny Cerjak on the left to Adam Leather-Barrow standing unmarked in the penalty area allowed Leather-Barrow to take his time and coolly place the ball well beyond the reach of Uni keeper Adam Mark.

The Lions, urged on by a small band of fans with drum and cymbals high in the grandstand, looked the more likely team for the rest of the first half with Uni only looking dangerous from set plays.

Leather-Barrow had to retire in the 27th due to lack of match fitness and Uni almost evened the score in the 30th when a clever 25 yard free kick by Matthew Shepherd was dummied by the UNSW striker in the penalty area and almost beat keeper Khalid Kando but the danger was cleared by captain Cerjak.

Both defences were well on top and coped readily with lacklustre attacks.

Uni resumed after the break with long hopeful punts and it was the Lions who almost added to their lead in the 48th when Nathan Cuneen found Wayne Spiteri in the penalty area.

Spiteri confidently rounded Mark and was all set to score when Mark recovered magnificently and plucked the ball from Spiteri's toe.

Charlie Claridge was looking threatening for Uni on the left wing and from a free kick far out on the left, after much discussion with Neil Murphy, drove a hard low swerving shot into the net with the Lion's defence perhaps slightly distracted by the conversation.

It was only another two minutes before the Lions restored their lead when Tony Boystani, well clear of the Uni defence, had no difficulty in placing the shot past an advancing Mark .

Uni kept pressing for an equaliser with but the Lions packed defence contained their attacks and threatened on the break, with Jan Darmo being denied by the outstretched hand of Mark on the edge of the penalty area.

"We had a good grinding victory", said Lion's coach Mamoo

"We are playing well bearing in mind we have four fill ins playing today and this is the first time Uni has been beaten since the beginning of the season."

UNSW player/coach Matthew Shepherd said: "It was a disappointing and we were making a lot of basic mistakes."

"We were all lethargic and we finished up with nothing but hurt egos.

"Now that I've got my 5th yellow I'll be missing next week's key match against Nepean - and they are no push-over."

NSW Division 2 Round 11
University of NSW 1 (C. Claridge 56m)
Western Sydney Lions 2 (A. Leather-Barrow 9m, T Boystani 58m)
Ground: David Phillips Field
Referee: Nick Asargiotis
University of NSW: A. Mark, A. Wagiel, C. Wilson, J. Barrett, N. Murphy, D. Hampson (K. Jeffs 80m) , M. Shepherd, A. Demanincor (S. Hauser 80m), C. Claridge, N. Kodomichalos, D. Winterton (O. Iturra 66m). Cautions: M. Shepherd 65m.
Western Sydney Lions: K. Kando, N. Cuneen, D. Cerjak, J. Kouriel (G. Shamuel 71m), R. Barota, D. Georges, L. Pintos, A. Leather-Barrow (S. Dawd 27m), T. Boystani, W. Spiteri, J. Darmo.

ROCKALL SEALS TOP TEAM CLASH

By Marc Barnett

NEPEAN 2
NSW ACADEMY 1

FANS at Cook Park were treated to a highly skilful match between two of the WSL's top teams, with home team Nepean Association winners 2-1 over the NSW Academy.

Nepean-extended their run to eight wins in a row and have now avenged the Round 1 loss suffered at the hands of the NSW Academy.

The match started all Nepean way with three chances on goal in the opening 10 minutes.

NSW Academy received an early chance when Nicole Kimber played a ball inside to Justine McLaughlin who saw her shot knocked away by an outstretched keeper.

The opening goal of the match gave Nepean a 1-0 lead just 10 minutes before the break.

Nepean Captain Taryn Rockall played a free kick into the box.

The ball was cleared away by the Academy defence, but only as far as Rockall.

Rockall then lobed the ball high in the air over a pack of players, while Linda Kondek raced through unmarked and headed the ball over Kell in the Academy goals.

The second half started very well for the visiting Academy side.

Nicole Kimber made a run down the left and her rocketing shot was spilled by Czech in the Nepean goal and Justine McLaughlin made no mistake about levelling the scores at 1-1.

Nepean were trying to regain their lead and many chances were created only to see the shots continuously go straight to the keeper or wide of the target.

In the 57th minute, Rockall took control of the situation and returned her side to the lead.

Rockall was able to create time for herself, beat a defender, and then slot the ball past Cassandra Kell to give Nepean a 2-1 lead.

Amanda Poulton had a number of slight chances or Nepean but was unable to convert, while NSW Academy looked dangerous from free kicks when Kimber was over the ball.

Rockall and Carney both played outstanding games for Nepean and continue to be on field leaders to the rest of their side.

Kimber was in untouchable form in the NSW Academy midfield and was unlucky not to crack a goal with a number of long range drives.

Leah Blayney also directed traffic well from sweeper.

Nepean coach Don Gomez is understandably happy with his sides form this season giving much deserved praise to his players.

"We played the way we trained today," he said.

"The girls kept it very simple and followed all of their instructions.

"The maturity of this team is fantastic."

NSW Academy coach Allan Bourke though that the match was "an even contest that could have gone either way.

"I was happy with the way

Nepean 2 (Kondek 35', Rockall 57')
NSW Academy 1 (McLaughlin 46')
Nepean: Czech, Simpson, West, Curran, Warrener, Rockall, McLaughlin, Carney, Poulton, Kondek (Goszko 52'), Collins (Kolaczyk 86').
Cautions: Nil
NSW Academy: Kell, Davison, Hogg, Blayney, Ghorra (Holcombe 84'), McMinimee, Palmer, McLaughlin, Todd, Kimber, Ledbrook (Collins 63').

SUPER SOCCER'S NSWSL BIG MATCH REPORT

Worrall hat-trick gives the Wanderers the points against the fast finishing Rockdale

By Mendo Cklamovski

HAJDUK WANDERERS 3
ROCKDALE CITY SUNS 2

A HAT-TRICK by Hajduk Wanderers striker Trent Worrall was enough to gain full points for the home side against the strong finishing Rockdale City Suns at Hajduk Stadium.

Hajduk Wandrers started the strongest and controlled play for much of the game while Rockdale City only came alive in the last 30 minutes.

Rockdale City coach Mile Todoroski made one change to his line-up with striker Peter Cklamovski making his first start of the season with Saso Boskovski moving to the bench while Leo Carle missed his second match away with Parramatta Power.

Carle in the end was sorely missed while some of the positional changes did not appear to work.

Hajduk Wanderers coach Phil Pavella would have been pleased with how his midfield controlled the game early on with JJ Ellul and Malcolm Meilak playing well while Mauro Van Cuylenberg, the ex-Marconi player, was lively up front proving the perfect foil for fellow striker Trent Worrall.

The game started slowly as the teams settled down with Rockdale the first to have a clear chnace at goal when a Bill Petrovski free kick was headed onto the crossbar by Andrew McHardy in the 24th minute.

The Hajduk fans didn't have long to wait when only minutes later Trent Worrall ran onto a through ball beating the defence and shooting wide of the keeper Amir Ajanovic and just inside the right hand post.

The match started to produce opportunities on both ends with Steve Cklamovski seeing his shot spilled by the Hajduk keeper Luke Martin and then save from a desperate Peter Cklamovski in the 36th minute.

Then in the 39th minute Hajduk struck again when the pacy JJ Ellul broke down the right beating the off-side trap and had his shot blocked twice by Ajanovic.

Then Trent Worrall placed the rebound in between the Rockdale defenders on the line to make it 2-0.

Hajduk keeper Luke Martin made a crucial save as he beat an outstretched Spase Najdoski to a cross in the dying minutes to keep Rockdale scoreless at half-time. The Suns were looking to bounce back in the second half but suffered another setback when Andrew McHardy was adjudged to have brought down Trent Worrall in the penalty area in the 52nd minute.

Worrall completed his hat-trick with a weel placed shot just inside the right hand post with the keeper wrongfooted. Van Cuylenburg, who was creating a lot of trouble for the Rockdale defence, had his shot from outside the penalty area well saved by Ajanovic in the 55th minute before Rockdale started to take control of the match.

While their long distance shots didn't really test the Hajduk keeper Rockdale were rewarded with their opening goal in the 59th minute when Spase Najdoski put pressure on the Hajduk defender before robbing him of the ball and squaring it for Peter Cklamovski to score from close range.

It was Cklamovski's first goal for the club in his first start after coming on as a reserve in previous weeks.

The Suns now committed more players forward as they searched for goals.

Sweeper Bill Petrovski should have done better on one of his typical runs beating several players before placing his shot wide of the keeper and the goal and then Nabil Codmani floated a ball from the right for Spase Najdoski to head but Martin was able to tip the ball over.

Rockdale did get a second goal when substitute Steven Ralevski, making his 1st Grade debut, scored in the 83rd minute after midfielder Steve Cklamovski broke through and crossed from the left for Ralevski to tap it in at the far post.

However Hajduk were able to hold on despite the Rockdale pressure near the end and secure full points.

- The only down side for Hajduk was the injury to substitute Jason Vella who was stretchered off less than 10 minutes after coming on.

The ambulance officers returned for the second time after earlier treating Rockdale reserve grade player Shawn Maple.

Both players looked to have suffered serious leg injuries.

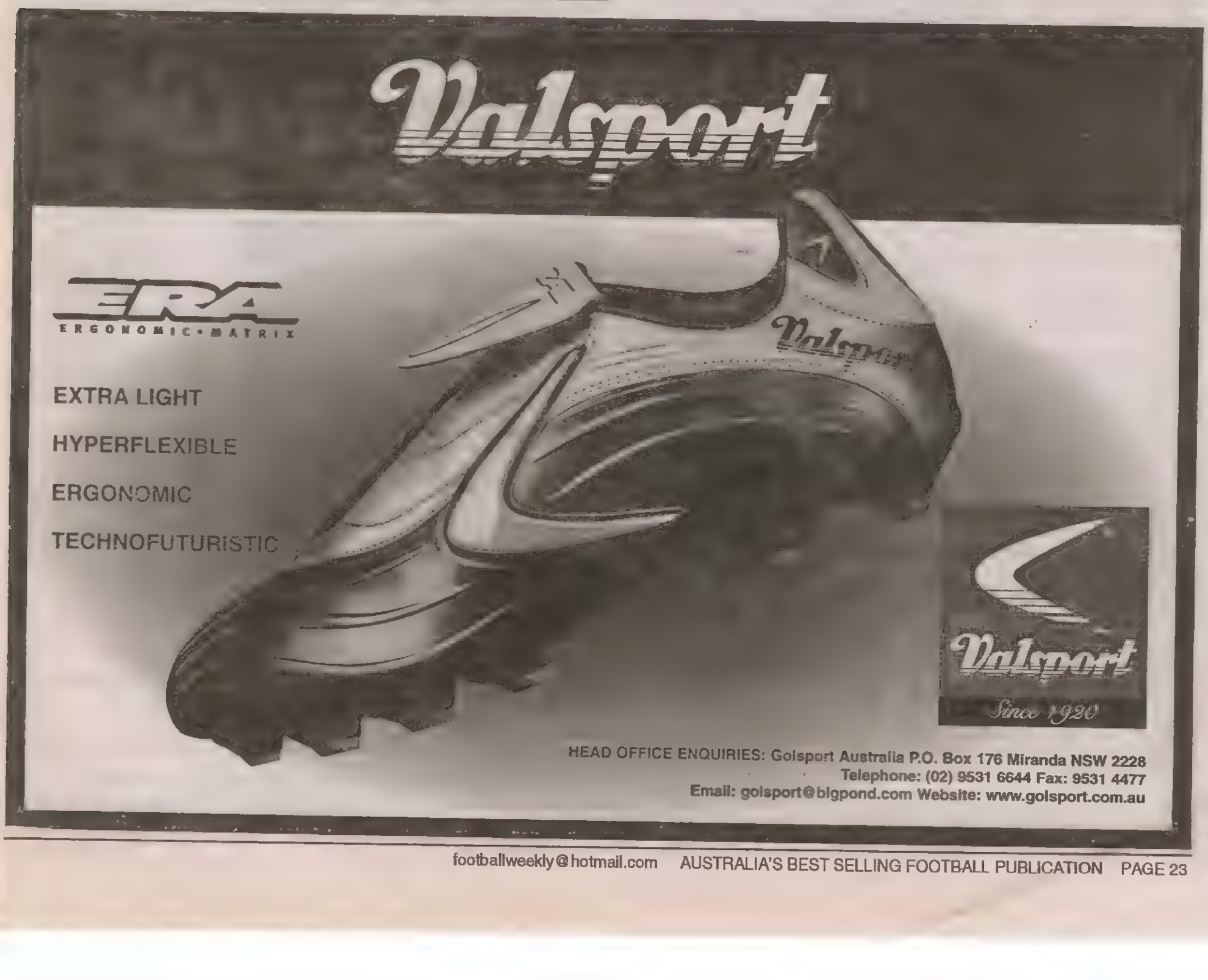
In the end the Suns left their run too late while Hajduk displayed a lot of composure and will be happy at recording only their second win of the season while Rockdale were at least consistent losing to another team near the bottom of the table.

Suns coach Mile Todoroski was very disappointed following the game as he searches for the right combination to get his team back on track.

After the Match a dejected Rockdale coach Mile Todoroski was unable to work out why his team wasn't able to click until late in the game.

While he was happy with the contribution of young strikers Peter Cklamovski and Steven Ralevski.

Hajduk Wanderers 3 (Trent Worrall 26',39',52')
Rockdale City 2 (Peter Cklamovski 59', Steven Ralevski 83')
Ground: Hajduk Stadium Referee: Con Dionis Attendance: approx. 200
Hajduk Wanderers: Luke Martin, Scott Bailey,Warren Hayward, Mark Abi-Arrage, Rick Giometti (Brendan Salameh 87'), Malcolm Meilak, JJ Ellul, Trent Worrall, Mauro Van Cuylenberg, Adriano Marcerola, Joe Badrov (Jason Vella 65'/Rodney Hutchinson 74'). Subs not used: Darren Camilleri, Darren Cross. Cautions: Malcolm Meilak 6', Trent Worrall 64', Brendan Salameh 89'.
Rockdale City Suns: Amir Ajanovic, Nabil Codmani, Andrew McHardy (Saso Boskovski 82'), Marko Vuckovic, Bill Petrovski, Spase Najdoski, Steve Cklamovski, Peter Cklamovski (Steven Ralevski 72') Dean Culina, Ghenadie Costiuc, Nahuel Arrate Subs not used: Mark Afif, Mirko Jovanov. Cautions: Nabil Codmani 15m.



SUPER SOCCER'S NSWSL BIG MATCH REPORT

Hoenselaars continues to impress as the Bulls move up the table

FAIRFIELD BULLS 3
FRASER PARK JETS 0

By Ben Moring

MARC Hoenselaars confirmed himself as the striker of the season to-date, with a fine second half double, as the Fairfield Bulls charged up to third on the NSW Super League table, by virtue of a 3-0 home victory over Fraser Park on a cold Saturday evening at Nineveh Field.

This fixture brought together the team with the most prolific home attack and the team with the best away attack.

However, one would find this fact hard to believe in an uneventful first half.

Indeed, there were not many clear cut chances in the first half, as both sides looked to grab a stranglehold in mid-field.

The first and perhaps best moment for the home side came in the 26th minute. Mathew Borg headed on a Paul Dee corner and Javier Mancino managed to reach the ball first.

However, the midfielder's header was guided past the left post from close range.

The Jets would also manufacture chances in the first half.

The best chance of the match for the away side fell to Adam Anderson on 36 minutes. Anderson beat the offside trap to shot wide when he should have done better from 15-yards.

Fraser Park's last decent attacking foray for the evening would come in the 42nd minute, when Damien Rosenthal set off on an amazing 60-yard run which took him past two defenders, but Frank Mikuletic raced off his line to smother.

Football is a game of two halves, as the Bulls would demonstrate to devastating effect.

The Jets were more than a match for the confident hosts for 55 minutes.

The tide would turn the Bulls' way from this point onwards as Con Anastasiadis palmed a skewed Duncan Alger clearance into the net.

Marc Hoenselaars then confirmed himself as the in-form striker of the Super League, as he expertly notched his 10th and 11th goals of the season in a dynamic four-minute spell.

The first came on 66 minutes. A fine through ball from the impressive Mathew Borg landed right at the feet of Hoenselaars.

The tall striker made a sublime right-footed cut back and dispatched the ball into the net with his left foot from the edge of the area.

His second and Fairfield's third came on 70 minutes. An easy side-footed slot home from 8-yards after Jets captain, Vadim Mikoutski, made a rare defensive blunder.

Javier Mancino collected a poor clearance, which rebounded of his body, beat Mikoutski to the by-line and squared to the goal scorer.

Fraser Park were not even awarded a consolation goal after Frank Mikuletic hung on to a backpass too long and Danial Cummins hit a goal-bound shot that was deflected wide by the 'keeper.

Fairfield has constructed a star-studded line up and has strung some fine results together of late.

Nineteen goals in four games at home are a testament to the side's resolve.

John Turner's team now lies third and has sounded an ominous warning to the other contenders

Fairfield Bulls 3 (Con Anastasiadis og 55m, Marc Hoenselaars 66m, 70m)
Fraser Park Jets 0
Ground: Nineveh Field Referee: Alex Spiroski
Fairfield Bulls: Frank Mikuletic, Milan Crnokrak, Paul Bourke, Paul Richardson, Adam Mammoliti (Patrick Darvill 78m), Marc Hoenselaars (Johnny Ghisso 78m), Mathew Borg, Craig Sharpley, Javier Mancino, Stewart Van Bentum (Ben Green 85m), Paul Dee Cautions: None
Fraser Park Jets: Con Anastasiadis, Alban Reinhard, Duncan Alger, Ronald Rothenbuhler, Peter Pullicino, Damien Rosenthal, Haken Sevgin (Ben Burrows 59m), Danial Cummins, Ivo De Jesus (Rui Silva 84m), Adam Anderson (Paul Lombardo 78m), Vadim Mikoutski
Cautions: None

Karavatakis leads Dulwich Hill to victory

By Richard Baker

DULWICH HILL 2
HURSTVILLE CITY MINOTAURS 0

TWO goals from the enigmatic Steve Karavatakis has given Dulwich Hill a 2-0 victory over the Hurstville City Minotaurs at Arlington Oval.

However, it was anything but a polished display from the Dulwich Hill marksman as he failed to convert several opportunities that should have seen the home side notch up a four or five goal win.

After taking a 1-0 lead into the half time break, the Dulwich Hill midfield took control in the second half but Karavatakis and his partners up front could not slip a winner past a determined Hurstville defence.

Karavatakis was denied by Minotaurs keeper Stacy Alogdellis following a good cross from Ali Salim just after the break.

While substitute Salim found the woodwork with a thundering shot from just inside the penalty area in the 65th minute.

In the later stages of a half that was totally dominated by the home side.

Karavatakis was fed several golden opportunities by Salim who continued to cause problems for the Minotaurs down the right flank.

The opening exchanges of the game were adversely affected by some niggling tactics from both sides.

Referee Vic Gauci could play no advantage and handed out no less than five cautions.

This was something picked upon by Dulwich Hill coach Bill Pilovski who was pleased with his sides ability to come out and concentrate on football in the second half.

"The first half was very disappointing but it was pleasing the way we came out in the second half to play some football."

Pilovski is also wary of his side becoming complacent after moving to the top of the NSWSL ladder.

"Week in week out there are going to be some pressure games being on top of the table," he said.

"A lot of teams are going to be right on our backs so we need to ensure we prepare well mentally every week."

Ironically, it was the Minotaurs who had the better of the early parts of the game with Dulwich Hill keeper Peter Trajcevski tipping a header from Marcus Pavlakis just over the bar in the first minute of the game.

Minotaurs coach Peter Sarikakis was disappointed with his sides ability to put away these rare opportunities.

"My team performed well but you have to take your chances," he said.

"We can definitely improve our finishing, we had chances but couldn't put them away."

Dulwich Hill 2 (Karavatakis 9m/89m) Hurstville City 0
Ground: Arlington Oval Referee: Vic Gauci Score: 2:0
Dulwich Hill: Trajcevski, Wong (Salim 46m), Dihm, Kotevich, Kalogeras, Apolevski, Deighan (Markopoulos 80m), Hristodoulou (Papoythis 67m), Bideau, Karavatakis, Donev. Substitutes: Salim, Varess, Farias, Markopoulos, Papoythis. Cautions: Wong 8m, Kotevich 19m. Red Card: Apolevski 89m.
Hurstville City Minotaurs: Alogdellis, Nicholas, Panagakis, Knithakis, Petratos, Sarikakis (A. Kalamvokis 71m), Palapanis, Pavlakis (S. Kalamvokis 60m), Manolopoulos (Andreou 79m), M. Kladis, S.Kladis. Substitutes: S. Kalamvokis, A. Kalamvokis, Nicolaou, Andreou. Cautions: Kladis 29m, Panagakis 30m, Sarikakis 34m, Pavlakis 47m, Manolopoulos 65m. Red Card: S. Kalamvokis 89m.

Hajduk improve, as Macarthur's scoring problems continue

By Robert Scozzafava

MACARTHUR RAMS 0
HAJDUK WANDERERS 1

HAJDUK Wanderers scored a hard fought 1-0 win over the Macarthur Rams at Lynwood Park.

The only goal of the game came from a Ellul header on the stroke of half time.

Despite territorially dominating the second half, the Rams were unable to find any goals to show for it and Hajduk came away with their second win in as many weeks.

Babbington and Cevenini had a couple of early chances for the Rams but both shots were fired wide of their target.

Hajduk directed the majority of their play through the middle of the park with their strikers Worrall and Vanguylenberg both impressive with holding the ball up and dribbling around Rams defenders.

As both teams prepared to come in for the half-time break, Hajduk pounced for what turned out to be the winning goal.

Impressive striker Worrall received the ball on the left hand side of the park, just three yards outside the penalty area, and turned elegantly to beat two Rams defenders but was brought down for a foul.

From the ensuing free kick, Costello curled in a swirling cross which was eloquently headed in from Ellul from five yards out past hapless keeper Taylor.

The Second half saw a hungry Rams team come out and attack the Hajduk goal at a ferocious pace.

This was especially evident when Rams left-winger Harrison got involved in an ugly melee with Ellul early in the half, for which both players were lucky to have been allowed to stay on the park.

The Rams pushed forward for most of the half in an attempt to find a goal but their attacking moves were continually thwarted from a committed Hajduk defence.

In an effort to spruce up the attacking options, Rams coach Hugh McCrory made a double substitution bringing on King and Judge.

Just 10 minutes later the Rams had their best chance of the match to score, after Bourke's shot beat Wanderers keeper Martin but cruelly rattled against the post.

In the dying seconds of stoppage time, Rams striker Leigh Gunn was savagely brought down in the penalty area with a crude challenge but much to the dismay of the Rams team and home crowd referee Boyd McGregor waved play-on.

As the final whistle blew, an ecstatic Hajduk team were happy to take home three valuable points, while the discouraged Rams were looking for answers on how to solve their goal-scoring woes.

Following their impressive win over Rockdale last week, Hajduk now have 11 competition points and must be very confident to continue this impressive charge up the ladder.

On the other hand, Macarthur have stalled on 12 points and are still finding it hard to score in absence of injured striker, Eric Williams.

Macarthur Rams 0
Hajduk Wanderers 1 (Ellul 45')
Ground: Lynwood Park Referee: Boyd McGregor
Macarthur Rams: Taylor, Horne, Kirkman, Maude, Bourke, Cevenini (Judge 67'), Babbington, Harrison, Andrews, Gunn, Younan (King 67').
Subs: Wheatley, Newall, Judge, Attard, King.
Cautions: Babbington 93'
Hajduk Wanderers: Martin, Bailey, Haywood, Abi-Arrage, Giometti, Costello, Ellul, Vanguylenberg, Worrall (Salameh 45'), Meilak, Macerola.
Subs: Cross, Camilleri, Salameh, Gardener, Mizzi Cautions: Bailey 35', Abi-Arrage 84'

SUPER SOCCER'S NSWSL BIG MATCH REPORT

Lions maul Liverpool to send a message to rivals

By Robert Szoszkiewicz

BANKSTOWN CITY LIONS 7
MSC LIVERPOOL 0

BANKSTOWN extended their unbeaten streak to six games with a comprehensive 7-0 win over MSC Liverpool at Jensen Park.

Buoyed on by a vocal crowd, Bankstown looked promising from the outset as Liverpool struggled to tame the aggressive Lions.

After just two minutes Robert Issa opened the scoring, finishing off a clever move involving brother George, and Robert Gomez.

Six minutes later Bankstown had their second goal after smothering a Liverpool free kick into the path of Gomez who ran the ball to the other end of the park to score.

In the 23rd minute, the Lions should have went further in front when Gomez found himself one-on-one with substitute keeper Travis Glen, only to have his shot parried away.

However, Glen soon turned from hero to villain, giving away a penalty by downing Robert Issa in the penalty box.

Jimmy Aschner calmly stepped up to slot away Bankstown's third goal.

Aschner had another chance to convert from the penalty spot 10 minutes later when he was brought down by Peter Moon, but the ball sailed over the crossbar.

MSC were dealt a further blow just on half time, when Moon was forced off with a leg injury.

The second stanza started similarly to the first with the home side netting a goal soon after the kick-off to lead 4-0.

George Issa struck a lethal blow from the edge of the box off a timely pass from Aschner.

Moments after, replacement Iain MacDonald finished off some good work from the Issa brothers by scoring his sides fifth goal.

Lions number one Zlato Josevski also got on the score sheet with goal number six from the penalty spot, which resulted from Aschner being fouled in the box by Scott Watkins.

Liverpool's best scoring chance came on the hour when Robert Cicek drove his shot straight into the path of Josevski after an enterprising move from one side of the field to the other.

The rout ended in the 64th minute with Aschner scoring his second after playmaker Chris Bradley intercepted a ball and laid off a well weighted pass, to give the Lions a convincing 7-0 victory.

After the match, MSC coach Brian Dene was visibly disappointed with the result but optimistic about the future.

"We didn't do the basics of the game right, we could not pass the ball right," says Dene.

"Whenever we lose the ball, we never get back quickly.

"Once again in the first half, we lost our two most valuable players, our keeper (Adam Confoy) and our stopper and captain (Peter Moon).

"I won't take anything from them, they've certainly got the squad and the players.

"We are a young squad and for us to have the youth come through and playing against these type of players and adjusting, is great, because in two or three years time we'll be up there and that's what we're about."

Meanwhile, Bankstown coach Claudio Canosa was pleased with his sides showing.

"I reckon the guys played well from the start," he said.

"We created a lot of chances and took the game by the throat.

"So I was happy with the performance and I was happy with the way we approached the game."

Bankstown City Lions 7 (R. Issa 2, Gomez 8, Aschner 28 pen., 64, G. Issa 48, MacDonald 51, Josevski 58 pen.)
MSC Liverpool 0
Ground: Jensen Park
Referee: Matthew Breeze
Bankstwon City Lions: Josevski, Yildiz, Luksic, Raeburn (MacDonald 46), Kanaan, R. Issa (Trposki 54), G. Issa (Cerro 61), Bradley, Gomez, Aschner, Trpkoski Substitutes: Akilli, Osores, Cerro, MacDonald, Trposki Cautions: Nil
MSC Liverpool: Confoy (Glen 20), C. Ortiz, Arrarte, Moon (Wurth 44), Zullo (Corrente 47), Wells, Amendolia, Green, Cicek, Watkins, Hewit Substitutes: Glen, Wurth, O. Momircevski, Corrente, Z. Momircevski, M. Ortiz Cautions: Glen 27', Moon 35', C. Ortiz 41', Watkins 57'

Carle steals the show from his new team-mate Awaratife as Rockdale ends losing streak

By Mendo Cklamovski

ROCKDALE CITY SUNS 2
STANMORE HAWKS 1

THE Rockdale City Suns bounced back to record a win after three straight losses thanks to two brilliant Leo Carle strikes after Stanmore Hawks went ahead following a typical Eddie Briscoe free kick.

All the talk prior to the match however centred around the appearance of Rockdale's new player.

Rockdale showcased their star signing in NSL striker and popular personality Francis Awaratife who formed a potent Suns strike force of last year's golden boot Spase Najdoski and the talented ex-NSL player Leo Carle.

Rockdale coach Mile Todoroski made one additional change to his starting line-up with Mark Afif getting the nod ahead of Amir Ajanovic.

The Rockdale camp was committed to making amends for their recent losses and were pumped up before the game.

Their coach made it clear that the players had to play strong and not give Briscoe any opportunities for free kicks close to the penalty area.

The game was only 12 minutes old when these instructions were not obeyed and Leo Carle gave a free kick away on the edge of the penalty area just where Briscoe likes them.

In typical fashion he was able to curl the ball into the top left hand corner of the post giving keeper Afif no chance.

The goal came as a shock to the Suns players who were almost ahead only moments earlier when Awaratife almost made a dream start when he beat his defender to see his shot saved well by the Stanmore keeper Peter Spathis and then hit the rebound over the bar.

Eddie Briscoe had another free kick on 20 minutes that was saved off the line by Nabil Codmani before Rockdale gained the ascendency and began to take control of the contest.

The Rockdale City attacking trio of Awaratife, Najdoski and Carle did most of the damage but their shots just were not good enough either not being on target or being well saved by the keeper.

That was until the 41st minute when the crowd witnessed a truly world class goal from the skill-full Leo Carle who scored with an audacious 30 metre shot after collecting a pass from midfielder Steve Cklamovski.

His shot was hit perfectly swerving over the keeper who was near his line and just under the crossbar to send the crowd into raptures.

It was the kind of shot that only Carle would take and similar to the shot saved in the midweek game against Manly Warringah.

The result stayed at 1-1 going into half-time.

Awaratife was again on fire in the second half going close in the 52nd minute when he made a bustling run into the area before being crunched by two defenders.

The referee surprisingly didn't award a foul.

He was to have another two chances as his combination with Najdoski was becoming more fluent before Carle sent his shot crashing into the crossbar in the 63rd minute.

Najdoski almost had a chance to push his lead in the personal challenge for goal scoring between Carle and himself but his shot was well saved.

Then it was Leo Carle's chance to show the first goal was no fluke when he scored with a screamer from at least 30 metres out going just under the crossbar in the 68th minute.

As the game wore on the Suns looked to get a third while Stanmore tried to counter attack.

The best Stanmore could do however was another free kick when Tyrone Lara was tackled by Gheandie Cotiuc.

The wall did their job on this occasion and Rockdale were able to maintain their lead and secure the three points in this vital home match.

In doing so they were able to maintain their strong home form with only one loss from six games at home this season.

The Suns were also able to get back on the winning trail and now look to continue in a positive frame in next week's local derby against Hurstville City at the Rockdale Ilinden Sports Centre next Sunday.

A relieved Mile Todoroski after the match was just glad to get the points while the atmosphere in the change rooms was very positive.

The players still don't believe that Carle had planned both shots instead believing they had being miss-kicks.

But the goals count and Carle was able to sneak onto seven goals, only one less than Najdoski on eight goals.

A big plus for the Suns was the whole-hearted effort by the popular and experienced Francis Awaratife who showed that he still has a lot to offer.

Rockdale City 2 (Leo Carle 41', 68')
Stanmore Hawks 1 (Eddie Briscoe 12')
Ground: Rockdale Ilinden Sports Centre
Referee: Greg Leverton
Attendance: 500
Rockdale City Suns: Mark Afif, Saso Boskovski, Nabil Codmani, Andrew McHardy, Marko Vuckovic, Spase Najdoski (Bill Petrovski 81'), Steve Cklamovski, Dean Culina, Ghenadie Costiuc, Leo Carle, Francis Awaritefe. Subs not used: Amir Ajanovic, Kire Josevski, Mirko Jovanov. Cautions: Marko Vuckovic 16', Bill Petrovski 55', Saso Boskovski 88'. Send-offs: Saso Boskovski 88'
Stanmore Hawks: Peter Spathis, Shane Borg, John Theodoropoulos, Sam Awad, Tyrone Lara (Brad Campbell 70'), Eddie Briscoe, Con Giatsos, Adrian Lara, Steve Papadopoulos (Maurice Soler 63'), Anthony Trieste, David Sevares. Subs not used: Tristan Tulloch, Peter Antonopoulos, Peter Vezos. Cautions: none

SCOREBOARD

WORLD CUP QUALIFIERS
Asia zone
Group one
May 25
Oman 2 Syria 0 Scorers - Taqi Mubarak 45, Majdi Shaaban 67
Halftime: 1-0. Attendance: 30,000

May 26
Philippines 1 Laos 1
Scorers:
Philippines - Jimmy Dona 28
Laos - Chanthy Souksombaph 82
Halftime: 1-0; Attendance: less than 1,000

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Oman	6	5	1	0	33	3	16
Syria	6	4	1	1	40	6	13
Laos	6	1	1	4	3	40	4
Philippines	6	0	1	5	2	29	1

Oman qualify for second round.

Group five
Pakistan 1 Lebanon 8
Scorers: Pakistan - Muhammad Arshad 20
Lebanon - Faissal Aniha 5, Wartan Ghazarian 10, 60, Roda
Antar 32, 42, Gilberto Dos Santos 46, 88, Marcilio Silva 78
Halftime: 1-4

Sri Lanka 0 Thailand 3
Scorers: Thailand - Sakesan Pituratana 37, Kiatisak Senamuang 50, 60
HT: 0-1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Thailand	4	4	0	0	12	3	12
Lebanon	4	3	0	1	19	3	9
Sri Lanka	4	0	1	3	5	14	1
Pakistan	4	0	1	3	3	20	1

Next fixtures:
May 28 Sri Lanka v Lebanon
Pakistan v Thailand

May 27
Indonesia 0 China 2
group nine
Scorers: China - Xie Hui 45, Wu Chengying 69 Halftime: 0-1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
China	6	6	0	0	25	3	18
Indonesia	6	4	0	2	16	7	12
Maldives	6	1	1	4	8	19	4
Cambodia	6	0	1	5	2	21	1

No remaining matches. China wins group nine qualifying berth.

Copa Caribe Final
May 25
Trinidad & Tobago 3 Haiti 0
Scorers - Dale Saunders 28, Brent Rahim 67, Arnold Dwarika 77
Halftime: 1-0; Attendance: 8,000

EUROPE
Champions League Final
Bayern Munich 1 (Effenberg pen')
Valencia 1 (Mendieta pen')
Bayern Munich win 5-4 on penalty-shootout

CROATIA
May 27
Six-member league playing off for the title:
Varteks 2 Hajduk 4
Dinamo 6 Slaven Belupo 2
Osijek 2 Zagreb 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hajduk	32	20	6	6	66	23	66
Dinamo	32	19	8	5	70	36	65
Osijek	32	17	6	9	61	47	57
Varteks	32	12	9	11	56	56	45
Slaven Belupo	32	11	11	10	39	37	44
Zagreb	32	11	5	16	51	58	38

Six-member league playing off to avoid relegation
Marsonia 2 Hrv.Dragovoljac 1
Sibenik 1 Cibalia 1
Cakovec 2 Rijeka 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sibenik	32	12	7	13	40	40	43
Cakovec	32	10	9	13	28	37	39
Rijeka	32	9	6	17	30	44	33
Cibalia	32	5	18	9	31	45	33
Hrv. Dragovoljac	32	8	9	15	35	57	33
Marsonia	32	7	8	17	41	68	29

NOTE - The league will be expanded to 16 clubs next year and Marsonia will play off to avoid relegation against a side from a lower division.

DENMARK
Danish cup final
May 24
Silkeborg 4 AB Copenhagen 1
Scorers: Silkeborg - Brian Pedersen 50, Thomas Poulsen 63, Henrik Pedersen 74, 89
AB Copenhagen - Ali Akida 14
Halftime: 0-1; Attendance: 14,743

ENGLAND
May 25
Friendly international
England 4 Mexico 0
Scorers: Paul Scholes 3, Robbie Fowler 14, David Beckham 29
Teddy Sherringham 74
Halftime: 3-0; Attendance: 33,597

May 27
English Second Division play-off final
Reading 2 Walsall 3 (after extra time)
Scorers: Reading - Jamie Cureton 31, Martin Butler 91 Walsall - Don Goodman 48, Tony Rougier 108og, Darren Byfield
109 Halftime: 1-0; 90 minutes 1-1; Attendance: 50,496
Walsall go up with Millwall and Rotherham who were promoted automatically.

May 26
English Third Division play-off final
Blackpool 4 Leyton Orient 2
Scorers: Blackpool - Ian Hughes 35, Brian Reid 45, Paul Simpson 77, Brett Ormerod 88
Leyton Orient - Chris Tate 1, Scott Houghton 37 Halftime: 2-2
Blackpool go up with Brighton & Hove Albion, Cardiff City and Chesterfield who were promoted automatically.

GERMANY
May 26
German Cup Final
Schalke 04 2 Union Berlin 0
Scorer: Joerg Boehme 54, 58 pen'
Halftime: 0-0; Attendance: 73,011

HOLLAND
May 27
Utrecht 6 Groningen 0
NEC Nijmegen 2 PSV Eindhoven 4
RBC Roosendaal 0 Feyenoord 1
RKC Waalwijk 3 Roda JC Kerkrade 2
Heerenveen 1 Twente Enschede 1
Sparta Rotterdam 2 Vitesse Arnhem 2
Ajax Amsterdam 5 AZ Alkmaar 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
PSV Eindhoven	34	25	8	1	73	23	83
Feyenoord	34	21	3	10	67	37	66
Ajax Amsterdam	34	18	7	9	85	43	61
Roda JC Kerkrade	34	17	8	9	59	41	59
Utrecht	34	17	8	9	58	43	59
Vitesse Arnhem	34	16	11	7	56	43	59
RKC Waalwijk	34	16	11	7	48	36	59
Willem II Tilburg	33	14	9	10	59	46	51
NAC Breda	33	13	9	11	40	39	48
Heerenveen	34	11	14	9	51	42	47
Twente Enschede	34	10	11	13	47	60	41
NEC Nijmegen	34	9	13	12	42	53	40
AZ Alkmaar	34	9	8	17	45	63	35
Groningen	34	8	9	17	36	56	33
Graafschap D'hem	33	9	3	21	43	65	30
Fortuna Sittard	33	7	7	19	27	63	28
Sparta Rotterdam	34	6	7	21	42	72	25
RBC Roosendaal	34	4	2	28	37	90	14

HUNGARY
May 26
Videoton 1 MTK 0
Debrecen 3 Ujpest 4
Kispest-Honved 1 Zalaegerszeg 1
Gyor 3 Tatabanya 2
Vasas 3 Dunaferr 2

ITALY
May 24
Italian Cup final, first leg
Parma 0 Fiorentina 1
Italian Cup final, first leg
Scorer: Paolo Vanoli 87
Halftime: 0-0; Attendance: 17,685

ITALY
May 27
Brescia 2 Vicenza 1
Fiorentina 1 Atalanta 1
Inter Milan 1 Lazio 1
Juventus 1 Perugia 0
Lecce 1 Parma 2
Reggina 1 Bari 0
AS Roma 1 AC Milan 1
Udinese 0 Napoli 0
Verona 5 Bologna 4

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
AS Roma	32	21	8	3	63	30	71
Juventus	32	19	10	3	56	26	67
Lazio	32	20	6	6	61	34	66
Parma	32	16	8	8	49	22	56
AC Milan	32	12	12	8	54	43	48
Inter Milan	32	12	9	11	43	45	45
Atalanta Bergamo	32	10	14	8	37	31	44
Fiorentina	32	10	13	9	52	47	43
Bologna	32	11	9	12	46	49	42
Perugia	32	10	11	11	47	50	41
Brescia	32	9	13	10	40	39	40
Udinese	32	10	5	17	46	56	35
Vicenza	32	8	9	15	34	46	33
Lecce	32	7	12	13	36	51	33
Reggina	32	9	6	17	29	47	33
Napoli	32	7	11	14	31	48	32
Verona	32	8	7	17	36	57	31
Bari	32	5	5	22	29	63	20

PORTUGAL
May 27
Vitoria Guimaraes 1 Farense 0
Sporting 1 Maritimo 0
Alverca 2 Campomaiorense 1
Gil Vicente 3 Pacos Ferreira 1
Salgueiros 2 Belenenses 0
Aves 4 Benfica 4
Porto 4 Boavista 0
Beira Mar 3 Estrela Amadora 3
Braga 3 Uniao Leiria 5

SCOTLAND
May 26
Scottish FA Cup final at Hampden Park
Celtic 3 Hibernian 0
Scorer: Jackie McNamara 39, Henrik Larsson 48, 80pen Halftime: 1-0; Attendance: 51,824

SPAIN
May 27
Athletic Bilbao 1 Malaga 3
Numancia 2 Espanyol 1
Racing Santander 1 Valencia 1
Villarreal 2 Osasuna 0
Las Palmas 0 Celta Vigo 1
Real Madrid 5 Alaves 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Real Madrid	36	23	7	6	78	38	76
Deportivo Coruna	35	20	7	8	67	42	67
Valencia	36	18	9	9	53	30	63
Real Mallorca	35	17	11	7	49	39	62
Barcelona	35	16	11	8	75	52	59
Celta Vigo	36	15	10	11	49	48	55
Villarreal	36	15	9	12	54	51	54
Malaga	36	15	8	13	58	56	53
Alaves	36	14	7	15	55	53	49
Espanyol	35	13	8	14	42	36	47
Las Palmas	36	12	7	17	39	59	43
Athletic Bilbao	36	11	10	15	43	54	43
Real Zaragoza	35	9	13	13	52	54	40
Rayo Vallecano	35	9	13	13	54	62	40
Real Sociedad	35	10	9	16	48	65	39
Valladolid	35	8	14	13	37	45	38
Real Oviedo	35	10	7	18	47	62	37
Osasuna	36	8	12	16	41	54	36
Racing Santander	36	9	9	18	44	60	36
Numancia	36	9	9	18	37	61	36

TURKEY
May 26
Turkish first division
Siirt Jetpaspor 1 Yozgatspor 3
Kocaelispor 4 Adanaspor 3
Genclerbirligi 2 Antalyaspor 1
Samsunspor 1 Fenerbahce 3
Galatasaray 4 Trabzonspor 0
Erzurumspor 0 Gaziantepspor 2
Denizlispor 2 Besiktas 2
Bursaspor 2 Ankaragucu 3
Istanbulspor 1 Rizespor 0

East Asia Games
Under 20s Tournament
1st Round
Australia 6 (M Ferrante 7', F Parisi 12' 57', L Brain 48', J Kennedy 64', J North 90')
Guam 0
Australian Lineup:
Brad Jones (gk); Jon McKain, Ljubo Milicevic (capt) (Patrick Kisnorbo 46'), Gareth Edds, Ahmad Elrich (Greg Owens 67'), Michael Ferrante, Daniel Vasilevski, Louis Brain, Jade North, Franco Parisi, Joshua Kennedy (Joey Di Iorio 77').

Australia 1 (Joshua Kennedy 44')
Japan 0
Australian Line-up:
Michael Turnbull (gk); Jon McKain, Ljubo Milicevic (capt), Patrick Kisnorbo, Ahmad Elrich (Daniel Vasilevski 76'), Gareth Edds (Louis Brain 60'), Wayne Srhoj, Luke Wilkshire, Lucas Pantelis, Joshua Kennedy, Greg Owens (Franco Parisi 46').

Semi-Final
Australia 1 (M Ferrante 29')
Kazakhstan 0
Australian Line-up:
Michael Turnbull(gk); Daniel Vasilevski, Ljubo Milicevic (capt), Patrick Kisnorbo, Gareth Edds (Jon McKain 74'), Wayne Srhoj, Lucas Pantelis, Michael Ferrante (Ahmad Elrich 62'), Greg Owens, Franco Parisi (Louis Brain 61'), Joshua Kennedy

Final
Australia 1 (Parisi 37')
Japan 2
Australian Line-up:Michael Turnbull (gk), Jon McKain, Ljubo Milicevic, Patrick Kisnorbo, Ahmad Elrich, Wayne Srhoj, Lucas Pantelis, Greg Owens, Louis Brain, Joshua Kennedy, Franco Parisi

AUSTRALIA
NSL
Preliminary Final
South Melbourne 2 (Boutsianis 27', Susa 63')
Sydney Olympic 0
South Melbourne advance to meet the Wollongong Wolves in the NSL Grand Final!

SUPER LEAGUE
First Grade
24th May
S Berry 38m J Stubbs-Mills 54m M Beldham 80m) Rockdale City Suns 2 (Own Goal 42m S Najdoski 88m Penalty)

26th May, 2001
Macarthur Rams 0 Hajduk Wanderers 1 (J Elliot 44m)

Fairfield Bulls 3 (M Borg 55m M Hoenselaars 66/70m) Fraser Park Jets 0

Bankstown City Lions 7 (r Issa 2m R Gomez 8m J Aschner 27m Panalty/64m G Issa 48m I MacDonald 51m Z Josevski 58m Penalty) MSC Liverpool 0

Dulwich Hill 2 (S Karavatakis 12/89m) Hurstville City 0

Rockdale City Suns 2 (L Carle 39/52m) Stanmore Hawks 1 (E Briscoe 11m)

Manly Warringah Dolphins 2 (J Sobczyk 81/93m) AC United 3 (N Rivera 11m D Oliverio 49m R Sacco 75m).

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Dulwich Hill	10	7	2	1	22	13	23
Bankstown City	10	6	2	2	22	7	20
Manly Warringah	11	6	2	3	27	18	20
Fairfield Bulls	10	5	3	2	33	15	18
Rockdale City	11	5	2	4	24	19	17
H'ville City	10	4	2	4	10	13	14
Macarthur Rams	11	3	3	5	15	15	12
Fraser Park	10	3	2	5	20	23	11
AC United	10	3	2	5	12	17	11
Hajduk Wanderers	10	3	2	5	12	18	11
Stanmore Hawks	9	2	2	5	8	17	8
MSC Liverpool	10	1	2	7	13	43	5

GRADE 21:
24th May
Manly Warringah 1 Rockdale City Suns 1
Macarthur Rams 1 Hajduk Wanderers 1
Fairfield Bulls 2 Fraser Park Jets 0

26th May
Bankstown City Lions 1 MSC Liverpool 1
Dulwich Hill 2 Hurstville City 0
Rockdale City Suns 0 Stanmore Hawks 1
Manly Warringah Dolphins 1 AC United 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Fairfield Bulls	10	7	2	1	18	9	23
Macarthur Rams	11	6	4	1	24	17	22
Manly Warringah	11	4	5	2	18	13	17
Fraser Park	10	4	3	3	13	11	15
AC United	10	3	5	2	17	14	14
Hajduk Wanderers	10	4	2	4	16	17	14
Dulwich Hill	10	4	2	4	17	19	14
Bankstown City	10	3	4	3	15	12	13
H'ville City	10	4	0	6	12	18	12
Rockdale City	11	2	3	6	25	27	9
Stanmore Hawks	10	2	2	6	9	17	8
MSC Liverpool	11	2	2	7	11	21	8

GRADE 18:
24th May
Manly Warringah v Rockdale City Suns P/P
Macarthur Rams 2 Hajduk Wanderers 0
Fairfield Bulls 3 Fraser Park Jets 3

26th May
Bankstown City Lions 2 MSC Liverpool 0
Dulwich Hill 2 Hurstville City 1
Rockdale City Suns 0 Stanmore Hawks 3
Manly Warringah Dolphins 1 AC United 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Manly Warringah	10	9	0	1	25	4	27
Macarthur Rams	11	6	4	1	19	10	22
Bankstown City	10	6	0	4	27	13	18
Fairfield Bulls	10	5	2	3	16	15	17
Stanmore Hawks	10	4	4	2	10	8	16
AC United	10	4	3	3	20	13	15
MSC Liverpool	11	4	3	4	23	19	15
Dulwich Hill	10	3	4	3	14	14	13
Fraser Park	10	2	4	4	17	26	10
Hajduk Wanderers	10	2	2	6	11	21	8
H'ville City	10	1	1	8	8	26	4
Rockdale City	10	1	1	8	13	34	4

FEDERATION DIVISION ONE
FIRST GRADE:
Mt Druitt Town 0
Belmore Hercules 1 (F Cosentino 2m)

Hills United 0 Mt Pritchard 0

Auburn United 0 Greystanes 2 (S Dalgliesh 69m M Kipritidis 86m)

Sydney University 2 (F Umlil 40/83m pen) Bathurst '75 0

Ryde City 6 (A Stratford 18/73m S Dixon 23m M O'Riley 35m D Cunningham 57m T Stratford 80m) White City 2 (own goal 15m C De Andre 66m)

Hurstville ZSC 2 (V Zoric 45m A Alilovic 62m) Illawarra Lions 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sydney University	11	7	2	2	27	17	23
Belmore Hercules	10	6	3	1	20	14	21
Hurstville ZSC	10	6	2	2	21	11	20
Mt Pritchard	9	5	4	0	20	5	19
Hills United	9	4	3	2	18	10	15
Illawarra Lions	9	4	3	2	14	11	15
Ryde City	9	4	1	4	22	16	13
Bathurst '75	10	4	1	5	13	11	13
White City	10	2	3	5	28	26	9
Greystanes	10	2	2	6	12	27	8
Mt Druitt Town	9	1	2	6	10	17	5
Auburn United	10	0	0	10	7	47	0

GRADE 21:
Mt Druitt Town 2 Belmore Hercules 1
Hills United 1 Mt Pritchard 0
Auburn United 0 Greystanes 8
Sydney University 2 Bathurst '75 1
Ryde City 2 White City 0
Hurstville ZSC 1 Illawarra Lions 0

GRADE 18:
Mt Druitt Town 0 Belmore Hercules 0
Hills United 0 Mt Pritchard 2
Auburn United 0 Greystanes 14
Sydney University 2 Bathurst '75 4
Ryde City 0 White City 1
Hurstville ZSC 1 Illawarra Lions 0

FEDERATION DIVISION TWO
FIRST GRADE:
The Wanderers 7 Concord FC 1

Balmain 2 (D Hardwick 57m K Thulin 80m) Camden Tigers 0

Hakoah 2 (T Sperber 20m G Martin 35m) The Wanderers 2 (D Wells 70m O Makki 88m)

Central Coast Lakers 1 (P Graham 73m) Nepean Association 1 (J Wyngaard 32m)

University of NSW 1 (C Claridge 56m) Western Sydney Lions 2 (A Letherbarrow 9m T Boustani 58m)

Petersham Sydney District 3 (K Lammert 21/85m A Smith 28m) Concord FC 0

Parramatta City 0 Western Rage 1 (J Anabalon 6m)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Western Rage	10	7	2	1	20	9	23
Parramatta City	10	5	4	1	15	9	19
Wanderers	11	4	5	1	26	16	18
Western Sydney	10	5	3	2	17	12	18
Balmain	10	5	2	3	18	12	17
UNSW	11	3	6	2	16	15	15
Nepean District	9	4	2	3	21	16	14
P'sham Sydney	10	4	1	5	14	16	13
Hakoah	11	3	3	5	22	23	12
Central Coast	10	1	5	4	15	18	8
Camden Tigers	11	1	3	7	15	29	6
Concord FC	11	1	1	9	10	34	4

GRADE 21:
Nepean Association 0 Western Rage 2
The Wanderers 5 Concord FC 0
Balmain 2 Camden Tigers 2
Hakoah 1 The Wanderers 0
Central Coast Lakers 1 Nepean Assoc 0
Uni of NSW 0 Western Sydney Lions 0
Petersham Sydney District 3 Concord FC 0
Parramatta City 1 Western Rage 4

GRADE 18:
Nepean Association 2 Western Rage 1
Balmain 6 Camden Tigers 3
Hakoah 1 The Wanderers 1
Central Coast Lakers 1 Nepean Assoc 3
Uni of NSW 5 Western Sydney Lions 0
Petersham Sydney District 0 Concord FC 2
Parramatta City 2 Western Rage 3

FEDERATION DIVISION THREE
FIRST GRADE:
Auburn Star 2 Prospect United 1
Sydney Crescent Star 5 Colo Colo 2
Springwood 1 Trasandinos 3
Hawkesbury City 1 Kellyville Kolts 3
Granville Greenisland 2 United Eagles 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sydney Crescent	9	8	1	0	40	11	25
Auburn Star	9	7	1	1	25	13	22
Kellyville	9	4	4	1	21	9	16
Trasandinos	8	4	3	1	28	15	15
Springwood	9	4	2	3	21	16	14
Colo Colo	9	3	2	4	21	25	11
United Eagles	8	2	3	3	15	18	9
Hawkesbury City	8	2	2	4	12	17	8
Granville G'land	8	1	3	4	9	18	6
Prospect United	8	1	1	6	10	27	4
Liverpool City	9	0	0	9	5	38	0

RESERVE GRADE:
Auburn Star 4 Prospect United 0
Sydney Crescent Star 2 Colo Colo 1
Springwood 3 Trasandinos 1
Hawkesbury City 0 Kellyville Kolts 1
Granville G'land 1 United Eagles 2

FEDERATION DIVISION FOUR
FIRST GRADE:
UTS 2 Bossy 2
Schofield Scorpions 4 Lithgow Workmen 1
Liverpool Olympic 0 Sporting SCC 2

SCOREBOARD

Kosciusko 1 Inter Lions 1
Gladesville United 1 UTS 1
Western Sydney Passion vs Bossy P/P
Fairfield City 1 Lithgow Workmen 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
UTS	9	7	2	0	31	6	23
Inter Lions	9	5	3	1	23	11	18
Bossy	8	4	4	0	25	14	16
CSI Schofields	9	4	2	3	19	20	14
Gladesville United	8	2	4	2	12	14	10
Sporting SCC	7	3	1	3	12	17	10
Liverpool Olympic	7	3	0	4	15	18	9
Kosciuszko	7	2	2	3	16	13	8
Lithgow Workmen	9	1	3	5	14	25	6
Fairfield City	8	1	2	5	8	16	5
West' Sydney Pas'	7	0	1	6	6	27	1

RESERVE GRADE:
UTS 2 Bossy 0
Schofield Scorpions 4 Lithgow Workmen 0
Liverpool Olympic 4 Sporting SCC 3
Kosciusko 1 Inter Lions 6
Gladesville United 0 UTS 3
Western Sydney Passion vs Bossy P/P
Fairfield City vs Lithgow Workmen P/P

WOMENS SUPER LEAGUE
FIRST GRADE:
Manly Warringah 1 Sutherland Sharks 2
Hajduk Wanderers 1 Central Coast Lakers 5
Marconi 5 North West Sydney Koalas 0
Nepean Association 2 NSW Academy 1
NNSW Academy vs W'gong Wolves W/O

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Nepean Assoc	9	8	0	1	38	9	24
Sutherland	9	7	1	1	41	8	22
NSW Academy	9	6	1	2	28	11	19
North' NSW Acad'	8	5	2	1	31	12	17
Marconi	9	5	1	3	29	10	16
Manly Warringah	9	3	1	5	18	27	10
Central Coast	9	2	2	5	16	32	8
W'gong Wolves	8	2	0	6	12	18	6
North West Sydney	9	1	0	8	5	33	3
Hajduk Wanderers	9	1	0	8	5	63	3

GRADE 21:
Manly Warringah 1 Sutherland Sharks 0
Hajduk Wanderers 0 Central Coast Lakers 2
Marconi 0 North West Sydney Koalas 0
Nepean Association 0 NSW Academy 2
NNSW Academy vs W'gong Wolves W/O

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Marconi	10	7	2	1	35	5	23
North' NSW Acad'	8	7	0	1	30	8	21
NSW Academy	9	7	0	2	29	14	21
Sutherland	9	5	0	4	26	13	15
W'gong Wolves	8	3	2	3	13	10	11
Manly Warringah	9	3	2	4	20	20	11
Nepean Assoc'	10	2	3	5	13	22	9
Central Coast	9	2	3	4	13	27	9
North West Sydney	9	1	3	5	8	25	6
Hajduk Wanderers	9	0	1	8	1	44	1

WOMENS STATE LEAGUE
Coasties 3 Bathurst City Panthers 7
The Ravens 3 St George Association 0
Granville Association 4 Roselands Raptors 1
Inters Lions/CSI 1 P'sham Sydney District 3
UWS Wolves C'town 0 Macarthur Rams 6

U19:
Coasties 0 Bathurst City Panthers 3
The Ravens 1 St George Association 0
Granville Association 3 Roselands Raptors 6
Inter Lions/CSI 1 P'sham Sydney District 0
UWS Wolves C'town 1 Macarthur Rams 2

GIRLS YOUTH LEAGUE
GRADE 16:
C'belltown Macarthur 0 Manly Warringah 0
Manly Warringah 3 Blacktown Association 1
Ku-Ring-Gai Assoc 1 Nepean Association 4
Sutherland Association 1 Southern Branch 2

GRADE 14:
Manly Warringah 3 Blacktown Association 1
Ku-Ring-Gai Association 1 Nepean Assoc 2
Sutherland Association 2 Southern Branch 0

SUPER YOUTH LEAGUE
GRADE 13:
Fairfield Bulls 0 Parramatta Eagles 0
Eastern Suburbs 0 Newcastle United 3
Wollongong Wolves 3 Leichhardt Tigers 2
St George 0 Sutherland Shire 0
Northern Spirit 8 Sydney United 2
Bankstown City 2 Canterbury Marrickville 3
Blacktown City 2 Marconi Stallions 0
Central Coast 0 Manly Warringah Dolphins 0
Penrith Panthers 0 Sydney Olympic 1
Bonnyrigg White Eagles 1 Macarthur Rams 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sydney Olympic	10	10	0	0	29	4	30
Northern Spirit	10	9	0	1	51	8	27
Blacktown City	10	9	0	1	40	3	27
C'bury Marrickville	11	7	0	4	19	11	21
Leichhardt	11	5	4	2	19	9	19
Marconi	11	5	3	3	19	16	18
W'gong Wolves	10	6	0	4	15	14	18
Central Coast	11	5	3	3	10	12	18
Manly Warringah	10	4	4	2	14	9	16
Sutherland	11	4	2	5	16	12	14
Macarthur	11	4	2	5	14	13	14
Sydney United	11	4	2	5	15	21	14
Penrith	10	3	2	5	10	17	11
Bankstown City	11	3	1	7	18	19	10
Parramatta Eagles	10	3	1	6	7	14	10
St George	11	2	3	6	9	24	9
Fairfield Bulls	10	1	3	6	7	23	6
Bonnyrigg	11	1	3	7	10	39	6
Newcastle United	9	1	2	6	10	26	5
Eastern Suburbs	11	1	1	9	8	46	4

GRADE 14:
Fairfield Bulls 0 Parramatta Eagles 6
Eastern Suburbs 1 Newcastle United 2
Wollongong Wolves 5 Leichhardt Tigers 0
St George 1 Sutherland Shire 1
Northern Spirit 5 Sydney United 1
Bankstown City 3 Canterbury Marrickville 0
Blacktown City 0 Marconi Stallions 1
Central Coast 3 Manly Warringah Dolphins 0
Penrith Panthers 0 Sydney Olympic 2
Bonnyrigg White Eagles 0 Macarthur Rams 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Marconi	11	9	1	1	28	8	28
Northern Spirit	10	9	0	1	57	6	27
Sydney Olympic	10	9	0	1	49	9	27
Blacktown City	10	7	2	1	33	5	23
Parramatta Eagles	10	6	3	1	21	5	21
Sutherland	11	6	3	2	24	12	21
Bankstown City	11	7	0	4	26	15	21
Newcastle United	9	6	1	2	29	13	19
W'gong Wolves	10	5	2	3	21	9	17
Sydney United	11	5	2	4	21	20	17
Macarthur	11	4	2	5	15	17	14
Leichhardt	11	4	1	6	11	21	13
Bonnyrigg	11	4	0	7	17	39	12
St George	11	2	3	6	12	47	9
Central Coast	11	2	2	7	7	23	8
Penrith	10	1	4	5	8	24	7
Eastern Suburbs	11	2	1	8	11	35	7
C'bury Marrickville	11	1	2	8	7	25	5
Manly Warringah	10	1	1	8	3	33	4
Fairfield Bulls	10	0	0	10	1	35	0

GRADE 15:
Fairfield Bulls 0 Parramatta Eagles 0
Eastern Suburbs 2 Newcastle United 1
Wollongong Wolves 2 Leichhardt Tigers 2
St George 0 Sutherland Shire 1
Northern Spirit 3 Sydney United 2
Bankstown City 4 Canterbury Marrickville 2
Blacktown City 1 Marconi Stallions 5
Central Coast 0 Manly Warringah Dolphins 1
Penrith Panthers 0 Sydney Olympic 6
Bonnyrigg White Eagles 1 Macarthur Rams 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Marconi	11	11	0	0	40	7	33
Blacktown City	10	9	0	1	33	12	27
Northern Spirit	10	8	1	1	28	7	25
Sydney United	10	7	1	2	15	6	22
Sydney Olympic	10	6	0	4	22	15	18
Bonnyrigg	11	4	4	3	16	10	16
Newcastle United	9	5	0	4	15	15	15
Parramatta Eagles	10	4	2	4	17	11	14
Central Coast	11	4	2	5	16	11	14
Manly Warringah	10	4	2	4	14	15	14
Leichhardt	11	4	2	5	17	22	14
W'gong Wolves	9	3	3	3	16	18	12
Bankstown City	10	3	2	5	18	23	11
Sutherland	11	3	2	6	8	15	11
St George	10	2	4	4	4	11	10
Eastern Suburbs	11	3	1	7	13	36	10
Penrith	10	2	2	6	7	20	8
Fairfield Bulls	10	1	3	6	10	21	6
C'bury Marrickville	11	1	2	8	10	26	5
Macarthur	11	0	5	6	10	28	5

GRADE 17:
Fairfield Bulls 0 Parramatta Eagles 1
Eastern Suburbs 2 Newcastle United 1
Wollongong Wolves 3 Leichhardt Tigers 1
St George 2 Sutherland Shire 2
Northern Spirit 4 Sydney United 1
Bankstown City 2 Canterbury Marrickville 0
Blacktown City 2 Marconi Stallions 1
Central Coast 1 Manly Warringah Dolphins 0
Bonnyrigg White Eagles 0 Macarthur Rams 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Northern Spirit	10	10	0	0	36	6	30
Parramatta Eagles	10	9	1	0	35	8	28
Sydney Olympic	10	9	0	1	30	8	27
Blacktown City	9	7	1	1	22	8	22
Marconi	11	6	1	4	19	14	19
Leichhardt	11	5	2	4	15	20	17
Fairfield Bulls	10	5	1	4	22	16	16
Bonnyrigg	11	4	4	3	17	11	16
C'bury Marrickville	10	5	1	4	18	15	16
Sydney United	10	5	1	4	21	19	16
Sutherland	11	4	2	5	18	22	14
St George	10	4	2	4	13	21	14
Penrith	10	3	1	6	16	18	10
W'gong Wolves	9	3	1	5	10	16	10
Central Coast	11	3	1	7	12	24	10
Bankstown City	10	2	2	6	8	16	8
Manly Warringah	10	2	1	7	10	24	7
Eastern Suburbs	11	1	3	7	12	33	6
Newcastle United	9	1	1	7	9	17	4
Macarthur	11	0	2	9	6	33	2

DIVISION ONE YOUTH LEAGUE
GRADE 13:
AC United 1 Southern Branch 1
Blacktown Assoc 1 Nepean Association 0
Ryde City 0 Mt Pritchard 1
Ku-Ring-Gai-Association 1 Illawarra Lions 2
Central Coast Lakers 0 Hills United 1
Stanmore Hawks 1 Hajduk Wanderers 2

GRADE 14:
AC United 2 Southern Branch 1
Blacktown Assoc 2 Nepean Association 1
Ryde City 4 Mt Pritchard 0
Ku-Ring-Gai-Association 3 Illawarra Lions 0
Central Coast Lakers 2 Hills United 1
Stanmore Hawks 0 Hajduk Wanderers 0

GRADE 15:
AC United 0 Southern Branch 2
Blacktown Assoc 1 Nepean Association 0
Ryde City 1 Mt Pritchard 0
Ku-Ring-Gai-Association 1 Illawarra Lions 1
Central Coast Lakers 0 Hills United 0
Stanmore Hawks 3 Hajduk Wanderers 3

GRADE 16:
AC United 0 Southern Branch 3
Blacktown Assoc 3 Nepean Association 2
Ryde City 1 Mt Pritchard 0
Ku-Ring-Gai-Association 5 Illawarra Lions 0
Central Coast Lakers 1 Hills United 1
Stanmore Hawks 1 Hajduk Wanderers 0

DIVISION TWO YOUTH LEAGUE
GRADE 13:
Schofield Scorpions 1 Camden Tigers 3
Dulwich Hill 0 Parramatta City 4
Hurstville City 0 Mt Druitt Town Rangers 0
Hawkesbury City 1 MSC Liverpool 0
Granville Association 1 Rockdale City Suns 2
Schofield Scorpions 4 Hawkesbury City 0

GRADE 14:
Schofield Scorpions 4 Camden Tigers 0
Dulwich Hill 4 Parramatta City 1
Hurstville City 3 Mt Druitt Town Rangers 2
Hawkesbury City 0 MSC Liverpool 3
Granville Association 5 Rockdale City Suns 0
Schofield Scorpions 2 Hawkesbury City 1

GRADE 15:
Schofield Scorpions 1 Camden Tigers 3
Dulwich Hill 1 Parramatta City 0
Hurstville City 0 Mt Druitt Town Rangers 6
Hawkesbury City 5 MSC Liverpool 2
Granville Association 1 Rockdale City Suns 3
Schofield Scorpions 0 Hawkesbury City 2

GRADE 16:
Schofield Scorpions 1 Camden Tigers 0
Dulwich Hill 3 Parramatta City 0
Hurstville City 0 Mt Druitt Town Rangers 1
Hawkesbury City 2 MSC Liverpool 0
Granville Association 4 Rockdale City Suns 0
Schofield Scorpions 0 Hawkesbury City 0

SUPER CADET LEAGUE
GRADE 11:
St George 2 Sutherland Shire 0
Northern Spirit 0 Sydney United 3
Bankstown City 0 Canterbury Marrickville 1
Blacktown City Demons 7 Marconi Stallions 0
Central Coast 1 Manly Warringah Dolphins 2
Bonnyrigg White Eagles 0 Macarthur Rams 4
Fairfield Bulls 2 Parramatta Eagles 0
Wollongong Wolves 5 Leichhardt Tigers 0
Penrith Panthers 0 Sydney Olympic 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Blacktown City	9	9	0	0	53	3	27
W'gong Wolves	9	8	1	0	28	5	25
Manly Warringah	9	7	2	0	19	1	23
Northern Spirit	10	7	1	2	33	9	22
St George	11	7	0	4	27	14	21
Macarthur	10	6	3	1	14	4	21
Sydney Olympic	8	6	2	0	14	3	20
Marconi	11	6	0	5	14	22	18
Eastern Suburbs	9	5	0	4	16	17	15
Parramatta Eagles	9	4	1	4	14	14	13
Sydney United	10	4	1	5	11	18	13
Sutherland	11	3	2	6	14	21	11
C'bury Marrickville	11	3	2	6	5	15	11
Central Coast	10	3	1	6	16	16	10
Fairfield Bulls	10	3	1	6	14	24	10
Leichhardt	10	2	1	7	9	21	7
Penrith	10	0	2	8	3	16	2
Bankstown City	11	0	1	10	1	33	1
Bonnyrigg	10	0	1	9	5	54	1

GRADE 12:
St George 0 Sutherland Shire 1
Northern Spirit 2 Sydney United 0
Bankstown City 2 Canterbury Marrickville 1
Blacktown City Demons 2 Marconi Stallions 0
Central Coast 2 Manly Warringah Dolphins 0
Bonnyrigg White Eagles 0 Macarthur Rams 2
Fairfield Bulls 3 Parramatta Eagles 0
Wollongong Wolves 2 Leichhardt Tigers 0
Penrith Panthers 0 Sydney Olympic 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Marconi	11	10	0	1	26	6	30
Blacktown City	10	9	1	0	33	2	28
Northern Spirit	10	7	3	0	13	1	24
Sutherland	11	7	2	2	19	9	23
Central Coast	10	6	0	4	13	8	18
W'gong Wolves	10	6	0	4	14	12	18
Sydney Olympic	8	5	2	1	16	5	17
St George	11	5	1	5	16	10	16
Fairfield Bulls	10	5	0	5	11	13	15
Sydney United	10	4	2	4	13	13	14
Leichhardt	10	4	2	4	10	15	14
Eastern Suburbs	9	4	1	4	10	15	13
Macarthur	10	3	2	5	9	13	11
Penrith	10	2	3	5	14	10	9
Manly Warringah	9	1	3	5	7	16	6
Bonnyrigg	10	1	2	7	7	21	5
Parramatta Eagles	9	0	4	5	5	16	4
Bankstown City	11	1	1	9	6	29	4
C'bury Marrickville	11	0	1	10	2	30	1

CADET LEAGUE DIVISION ONE
GRADE 11:
MSC Liverpool 0 Illawarra Lions 0
Rockdale City Suns 0 Camden Tigers 2
Central Coast Lakers 1 Mt Druitt Town 0
Mt Pritchard 2 Parramatta City 1
Hurstville City Minotaurs 2 Hills United 3
MSC Liverpool 1 Ryde City 0
Stanmore Hawks 0 AC United 0
Hawkesbury City 1 Illawarra Lions 4
Schofield Scorpions 3 Hajduk Wanderers 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Camden Tigers	11	11	0	0	29	5	33
AC United	10	5	3	2	16	9	18
Mt Pritchard	10	5	3	2	15	12	18
Illawarra Lions	10	5	2	3	21	11	17
Hills United	9	5	2	2	17	9	17
Central Coast	10	5	2	3	16	8	17
CSI Schofields	10	5	2	3	13	11	17
Rockdale City	10	4	3	3	14	13	15
Hurstville City	11	4	2	5	15	20	14
Ryde City	9	4	1	4	10	7	13
MSC Liverpool	11	4	1	6	17	18	13
Stanmore	10	3	3	4	9	15	12
Parramatta City	10	3	1	6	14	21	10
Hajduk Wanderers	9	2	3	4	9	16	9
Mt Druitt Town	10	0	2	8	3	23	2
Hawkesbury City	10	0	0	10	5	25	0

GRADE 12:
Rockdale City Suns 2 Camden Tigers 3
Central Coast Lakers 3 Mt Druitt Town 0
Mt Pritchard 3 Parramatta City 4
Hurstville City Minotaurs 0 Hills United 0
MSC Liverpool 0 Ryde City 1
Stanmore Hawks 3 AC United 1
Hawkesbury City 1 Illawarra Lions 2
Schofield Scorpions 1 Hajduk Wanderers 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Parramatta City	10	8	1	1	29	15	25
Illawarra Lions	10	7	1	2	19	11	22
Central Coast	10	6	3	1	27	8	21
Mt Pritchard	10	6	2	2	27	12	20
CSI Schofields	10	6	1	3	20	12	19
Hawkesbury City	10	6	1	3	22	22	19
Camden Tigers	11	5	3	3	26	16	18
Hajduk Wanderers	9	5	1	3	17	14	16
Ryde City	9	5	0	4	11	9	15
Stanmore	10	4	2	4	13	16	14
Mt Druitt	10	4	1	5	15	13	13
Rockdale City	10	3	0	7	12	24	9
MSC Liverpool	11	1	2	8	11	21	5
Hills United	9	1	2	6	6	22	5
AC United	10	1	1	8	12	30	4
Hurstville City	11	1	1	9	5	27	4

Western Premier League
First Grade
Saturday 26th May (catch-up game)
Bathurst 75 2
Dubbo Westside 2

Sunday 27th May
FirstGrade
Orana Spurs Dubbo 5
Orange CYMS 1
Canobolas Rangers 5
Dubbo SASS 1
Orange Waratah 1
East Dubbo United 1

Reserve Grade
Orana Spurs Dubbo 6
Orange CYMS 4
Canobolas Rangers 5
Dubbo SASS 3
Orange Waratah 6
East Dubbo United 4
Bathurst 75 2.
Lithgow City Rangers 0

Illawarra Premier League
May 27
Wollongong Olympic 8 Shoalhaven City 0
Port Kembla 5 Kemblawarra 2
Cringila 2 Lysaghts 1
Coniston 0 Western Suburbs 0
Balgownie 2 Northern United 2
Bulli 5 Picton Rangers 0

ICU Conference League
Dapto (Bye)
Tarrawanna 3 Woonona 2
Albion Park 1 University 2
Ruse 0 Helensburgh 5
Illawarra United 2 Bellambi 5
Highlands 1 Kiama 2
Barbarians 2 South Coast United 2
Fernhill 1 Warilla 3
Berkeley 3 Shellharbour City 0

St George Soccer Association
May 26
9A Carss Pk 0 Cons Pt 0, Minotaurs 0 B Nth 1, Oat RSL 4 S Souci 0, Pol Yth 0
Lugarno 1, Rock Suns 1 Hurst ZSC 0;
9B Carss Pk 0 Cons Pt 4, For Rngs 1 Pol Yth 4, Kogarah 3 B Nth 0, Pens W 1 K/grove 1;
9C Cons Pt 1 ASOW 3, Peakhurst 0 Rams RSL 1, Pens W 0 B Nth 3, S Souci 0 Oat RSL 2;
9D Arn Aur 1 ASOW 2, B Hills 0 B Nth 1, Cons Pt 0 Lugarno 0, S Souci 0 Oat RSL 5, Rams RSL Bye;
10A Cons Pt 1 For Rngs 2, Minotaurs/Oat RSL No Result, Lugarno 0 Pol Yth 2, Rock Suns 5 B Nth 1, S Souci 5 Rams RSL 0;
10B Lugarno 0 Minotaurs 2, Oat RSL 0 Cons Pt 4, Peakhurst 3 ASOW 0, Pol Yth 2 Pens W 1, K/grove Bye;
10C Carss Pk 1 Lugarno 2, Cons Pt 2 S Souci 1, Pol Yth 2 B Nth(2) 2, Rams RSL 5 B Hills 1, Rock Suns 9 B Nth(1) 1;
10D Kogarah 1 For Rngs 3, Oat RSL 0 K/grove 0, Peakhurst 2 Pens W 0, Raiders 1 Cons Pt 1, S Souci/SGOSC No Result;
11A Kogarah 1 Pol Yth 3, Peakhurst 0 Carss Pk 3, S Souci 0 Cons Pt 1;
11B ASOW 3 Pens W 1, B Nth 0 Oat RSL 0, Cons Pt 1 K/grove 0, For Rngs 0 Kogarah 6;
11C B Nth 6 Carss Pk 0, Cons Pt 0 S Souci 2, Oat RSL 5 Raiders 0, Peakhurst 0 Rams RSL 3, Pol Yth 6 ASOW 0;
11D Arn Aur 5 Cons Pt 0, B Nth 3 ASOW 1, Pens W 1 Lugarno 0;
12A Cons Pt 2 ASOW 1, For Rngs 3 K/grove 4, Lugarno 3 Pol Yth 0;
12B B Hills 1 Cons Pt 0, Oat RSL 9 Carss Pk 0, Pens W 0 SGOSC 1, Pol Yth 5 B Nth 1, Kogarah Bye;
12C Cons Pt 0 For Rngs 3, Oat RSL 0 B Hills 1, Raiders 7 Rams RSL 0, S Souci 1 Lugarno 0;
13A Dolls Pt 9 Pol Yth 0, For Rngs 1 Cons Pt 5, Kogarah 3 S Souci 0, Oat RSL 2 Pens W 2;
13B Carss Pk 0 Peakhurst 10, Kogarah 0 Cons Pt 9, Lugarno 2 B Nth(1) 2, Oat RSL 1 B Nth(2) 4;
14A Cons Pt 0 Pol Yth 2, Kogarah 0 Peakhurst 7, SGOSC 0 Lugarno 4;
14B B Nth 1 Rams RSL 4, Cons Pt 1 Peakhurst 0, For Rngs 0 Oat RSL 1, Pens W 0 Pol Yth 3;
15A Cons Pt 0 B Nth(2) 2, For Rngs 1 ASOW 7, Oat RSL 1 Lugarno 2, Pens W 0 Arn Aur 11, Rams RSL 4 B Nth(1) 1;
16A ASOW 2 Pens W 3, Raiders 0 Kogarah 1, S Souci 1 Cons Pt 3, Peakhurst Bye;
17A Kogarah(2) 1 Arn Aur 2, Peakhurst 3 Kogarah(1) 2, Pens W 2 Carss Pk 5, Rams RSL 1 Arn Scots 8
19A ASOW 1 Monterey 2, Cons Pt 4 Oat RSL 2, Kogarah/Raider No result, Pens W 2 Lugarno 5;

PL.1 ASOW 0 Carlton 2, For Rngs 2 Arn Scots 1, Lugarno 1 Cons Pt 0, Oat RSL 2 Pens W 2, S Souci 2 Kogarah 3;

PL.R ASOW 2 Carlton 1, For Rngs 1 Arn Scots 4, Lugarno 0 Cons Pt 4, Oat RSL 0 Pens W 1, S Souci 1 Kogarah 0

AAA Dolls Pt 1 Cons Pt 6, Hurst ZSC 3 Ansett 3, Monterey 4 Pens W 0, Pol Yth 1 ASOW 7, S Souci 1 SGOSC 0;

AAAR Dolls Pt 3 Cons Pt 2, Hurst ZSC 0 Ansett 1, Monterey 1 Pens W 0, Pol Yth 5 ASOW 2, S Souci 1 SGOSC 2

AAB Monterey 12 For Rngs 1, SGOSC 1 Dolls Pt 4, Cons Pt Bye;

AABR Monterey 9 For Rngs 1, SGOSC 1 Dolls Pt 1, Cons Pt Bye

AAC Carss Pk(2) 3 Peakhurst(2) 2, Minotaurs 5 K/grove 2, Raiders 1 Peakhurst(1) 3, Carss Pk(1) Bye

AAD B Hills 1 Arn Scots 2, For Rngs 0 Carss Pk 5, S Souci 3 B Nth 0

AAE Cons Pt 0 B Hills 1, For Rngs 2 Carss Pk 1, Peakhurst(1) 0 K/grove 4, Pol Yth 0 Peakhurst(2) 6

Sunday 27th May 2001
14 Girls Oat RSL(1) 3 Rams RSL(1) 5, Rams RSL(2) 0 Oat RSL(2) 4, B Nth Bye;
16 Girls Kogarah 0 B Nth 10, Oat RSL 0 ASOW 1, Pol Yth(1) 1 Cons Pt 0, Pol Yth(2)Bye

S.W. Kogarah 0 S Souci 2, Lugarno 1 Minotaurs 2, Oat RSL 6, For Rngs 1, Peakhurst 0 ASOW 5, SGOSC 7 Rams RSL 2;
O/35A Brighton(2) 7 Arn Scots 2, Monterey(1) 7 Brighton(1) 1, Monterey(2) 4 S Souci 0, Oat RSL 6 ASOW 1;
O/35B K/grove 1 S Souci 6, Kogarah 0 Rngs 7, Lugarno 1 Cons Pt 3, Oat R
Carss Pk 1, Raiders 0 Rams RS

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